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To His Excellency, Governor J. M. STONE, and the Honorable Legislature of the State of Mississippi:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit this my first Biennial Report. It has been delayed thus long in order that I might be able to make it complete; those of my predecessors for some years past showing that none such, owing to the tardiness of county officials in furnishing the necessary data, have been made. For the same reason it is not claimed that this report is full and accurate in all its details. At this date, January 21st, there is still fifteen County Superintendents whose reports for 1879 have not been received. The statistical portion of this report will be submitted at a later period in the session.

It is with much satisfaction that I am able to state that the Public School System is in a healthy and growing condition. As will be seen by the statistics, when prepared, the number of children in attendance is largely in excess of that of any previous year. This is doubtless due, in part, to inaccurate reports of County Superintendents—these being based on the monthly reports of teachers, wherein, in many instances, there is no doubt that some children are reported more than once. The statistical portion of this report will also show an increase in the length of school term in nearly all the counties in the State. It will be observed that the financial statistics of 1878, including receipts and disbursements, are in excess of those of 1877, and it is probable that this excess will be increased in the reports for 1879. This cannot but be regarded as a mani-

festation on the part of the people of the State of renewed confidence in the cause of popular education. Considering the financial embarrassment that pervades the State, the liberality of the people in many counties in voting the necessary funds to supplement that distributed by the State, in order to maintain the schools for five months in the year, is worthy of note, as evincing faith in the stability and efficiency of our system of public schools, and that prejudice and opposition are gradually giving way to the light and experience of the age, and that the public mind is now being turned in the direction of the improvement of the system.

One of the most hopeful features of the system of Public Education with us is the almost complete liquidation of the enormous county school debts inherited by the present regime. At this time school warrants in nearly all the counties are at par, whereas only a few years ago, in many counties, they were being hawked about the streets at from twenty-five to thirty cents on the dollar. And this result has been accomplished, in most cases, by a reduction in the number of schools, and this without detriment to the interests of the cause of education. It is true, that under the present law regulating the pay of teachers, the nominal sum is not so large as formerly, yet by reason of the appreciated value of warrants they receive more money.

SCHOOL LAW.

A new school law was enacted by the last Legislature, which did not, however, go into effect until a majority of the counties had put their schools in operation for the year 1878, and hence in those counties it has been tested for only one year. Though much complaint has been made of this law, I am satisfied that its main features are well adapted to our wants. Some changes of secondary importance are deemed desirable, and most of these have been suggested to Judge Campbell, with a view to their insertion in the new Code, which he has under revision, and I am informed by him that they will be so inserted.

No one thing is so calculated to obstruct the successful growth of a public school system as the repeated changes in its leading features, or the adoption of a new law, as is evinced in our past experience. It is impossible to secure growth and development in such a system by constantly tearing down and re-building, or by other radical changes in the law. The people of Mississippi, in the past, have hardly had time to familiarize themselves with one law before it was abolished, or subjected to such changes as to become a stranger to them before another was adopted. Age, familiarity and popular support of school laws are necessary to the vigorous growth of a public school system. It is contended, that an indifferent law, well understood and respected by reason of its age, is better

than frequent changes with questionable improvements on the old law. One of the principal objections urged against the present law is ambiguity and conflict in many of its provisions. Thus many questions have been raised that had to be settled by the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent, thereby adding largely to their labors.

COUNTY SUPERVISION.

Success in the management of any plan of labor, mental or physical, requires unity and concert of action. To this end, it is all important that all the agents employed in its accomplishment be brought under a common head. Upon this principle is founded the philosophy of superintendence in all the departments of human affairs. In none is the necessity for efficient supervision more apparent than in the public school system of a State. No one at all familiar with the workings of such a system will for a moment question this statement. Unfortunately for the success of the system in Mississippi, there are many holding authority over our schools who have not the time, with the small salary allowed, nor the inclination, to find out what are the wants and necessities of the schools under their control. To make it successful, the supervision must not only be intelligent, but it must also be systematic in its application.

The duties required of County Superintendents, under existing laws, are numerous, onerous and responsible. They are required to assist their respective Boards of Supervisors in determining the number of schools in the county and locating them, so that school facilities shall be afforded to every youth of school age in the county; to examine every teacher in the public schools of the county, and to issue certificates to them according to their qualifications; to annul contracts when teachers prove unworthy or inefficient; to see that proper text books are adopted and used; to employ teachers, examine their reports, and take their affidavit to the correctness of the same; to make annual reports to the Board of Supervisors, the State Board of Education and to the State Superintendent, and such other reports as these authorities may call for; to open and close the schools; to appoint teachers when trustees fail to do so; to advise trustees and teachers in their duties; to administer oaths and take testimony in relation to school matters; to keep an official record of his acts; to be at the county seat every Saturday during the school term, and that may be every Saturday in the year, and to perform all such other duties as may be required of him by the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent. These are but a fraction of the duties which the intelligent and zealous Superintendent will find to engage his attention; one of the most important of which is to instruct teachers in the best methods

of teaching the studies embraced in the public school course. And all this is required of him for the small average salary of less than one hundred and sixty dollars per annum.

The laborer is worthy of his hire, whether engaged officially for the benefit of the public, or in a private capacity. When this principle is fully recognized and reduced to practice in our school matters, the effect will be seen in the increased interest which Superintendents will take in the selection of competent and worthy teachers, preparation of reports, proper supervision of their schools, and in the faithful performance of such other duties as will tend to the general advancement and elevation of the system.

It is the teacher that makes the school. Good teachers will make good schools, and the converse of this proposition is equally true, that poor teaching will result in poor schools; and for these results the County Superintendent, by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, to license teachers and supervise the schools of his county, is in the main responsible. This, few, if any, can afford to do on the compensation allowed. It is believed that the interests of economy would be subserved by doubling the pay now allowed, with a requirement that they visit and inspect the schools of their county at least once during the term, as thereby many frauds perpetrated by dishonest teachers and trustees in making reports would be detected and prevented.

At the last meeting of the State Teachers' Association, composed of some of the leading educators of the State, many of whom have no connection with the public school system, but who take an interest in the educational welfare of the State, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

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"That the salaries of County Superintendents be fixed at the rate of $100 for every 1000 and fraction thereof of the educable children in their respective counties, according to the last official report; *Provided*, that no County Superintendent shall receive more than $1000 per annum, and that County Superintendents shall visit each school at least once during each session, and oftener if possible."

The total amount annually paid in Mississippi for county supervision, under existing laws, is $11,765. That of Virginia, with a school population of about one-third more, is $39,150. In Alabama the salary of County Superintendents is "not less than $300 00 per annum; in Arkansas, from $300 00 to $500 00.

By an Act approved March 2d, 1878, the salaries of twelve or fifteen County Superintendents were increased, whilst that of all the others remained as before. This is manifestly unjust to the latter, since their duties and responsibilities are, in many instances, as onerous as those more highly favored. This subject is earnestly commended to your honorable body, believing, as I do, that the change effected by it will redound vastly to the educational interests of the State.

LOCAL SCHOOL TAXES.

Under existing laws, whenever the amount of school fund in the State Treasury, derived from the various sources provided in the Constitution, in any fiscal year does not, in the aggregate, amount to $200,000, exclusive of Chickasaw and Sixteenth Section funds, or other special funds, then a sufficient amount shall be transferred to that fund from the general fund to make up the $200,000 for school purposes. This amount, then, together with the interest on the Chickasaw School Fund and the Sixteenth Section fund, (and this latter amounts to nothing in many of the counties,) is the permanent school fund, and the remainder necessary for the maintainance of the public schools must be raised by local taxation.

Section 35 of the school law requires that ample school facilities shall be furnished to all the educable youth of the State. Section 58 of the same law makes it the duty of the Boards of Supervisors to levy a tax for school purposes to make up any deficiency in the aggregate amount of school funds arising from other sources necessary to maintain the schools for the time required by law, which tax shall not exceed three (3) mills on the dollar. It is believed that if the full amount allowed by law, (3 mills,) should be levied and collected in all the counties, ample means would be provided for the maintainance of the public schools of the State for the term of at least four months in the year, and in many of the counties longer. Boards of Supervisors in some of the counties are, however, very reluctant to make any levy for this purpose, and in a few, no levy at all was made in 1878, the county depending entirely on the State distribution for the support of its schools, and this amount is generally not sufficient to maintain them for more than six weeks or two months. It will thus be seen that as the law now stands, it is possible for the Board of Supervisors, by restricting the levy for school purposes, to deprive the county of almost all public school privileges. And if the Constitutional provision prohibiting such counties from receiving any benefit from the State school fund is enforced, this State money will be absorbed by those counties that are liberal in their levies for school purposes.

This is not only in direct violation of the Constitution, which requires that the public schools shall be maintained for four months, but it is manifestly unjust to other counties that contribute principally to the State school fund. As a remedy for this evil it is suggested that the three-mill levy be made the minimum instead of the maximum, and that Boards of Supervisors be allowed, at their option, to increase this amount.

The fact of it is, that in some of the counties the school interests are the last to be considered. If, after all the other demands are satisfied, any thing is left it may go to the schools. Our supervisors, as a class, are believed to be as worthy and

intelligent gentlemen as any who hold office in the State, but school matters they appear to regard as something outside of their sphere, and at best as of secondary importance. Poor houses, jails and bridges engage more of their attention than public education. More attention to the latter would save expense in the former, and contribute largely to the prosperity and welfare of the State. By the change in the law suggested above, the conflict in the Constitution and the law as it now stands, may be reconciled.

LOCAL TRUSTEES.

One of the most serious clogs in the wheel of our educational progress is the inefficiency and indifference of our school trustees. Existing laws require that the patrons of each school shall assemble in December for the election of three trustees for their respective schools. This provision of the law, so far as its outward observance is concerned, I am gratified to say has been more generally observed during the past year than at any former period, County Superintendents reporting that they will, by reason of the neglect of patrons, have to make comparatively few appointments of trustees for this year, as they are required to do in case of failure by patrons to elect them. It is made the duty of Trustees to select and recommend teachers for their respective schools; to look after the local interests of the same; to visit them at least once during each month; to see that fuel is provided; protect school property, arbitrate difficulties or disputes between teachers and pupils, etc. These, it will be observed, are duties that incur responsibility, besides the time and attention required for their performance.

A majority of such Board is also required to testify to the accuracy of the record and account of the teachers of their respective schools, and upon these statements, as well as the affidavit of the teacher, the County Superintendent is required to issue the certificates for the pay of teachers. It is a subject of much regret that, in many instances, men are chosen for these responsible positions who are entirely unfit or unworthy for the places; persons who have no direct interest in the position, but who have an uncle, aunt or cousin who would like to get the position of teacher. To make the position of trustees more desirable, and, at the same time, exclude incompetents, I would suggest that they be excused from road duty and that none be eligible who cannot read and write the English language, as many occupying the position now cannot.

Sufficient importance does not attach to this office, and our schools cannot be productive of their legitimate results until this position is fully appreciated, and its duties performed.

COMMON SCHOOL FUND DISTRIBUTION.

Much complaint has been made by superintendents and teachers in consequence of the failure of the Auditor to dis-

tribute this fund promptly on the third Mondays in January and July, annually, as required by law. The common school fund is made up of the funds resulting from the sale of liquor licenses and land redemptions paid into the State treasury, and the fines and forfeitures for breaches of the penal laws of the State paid into the county treasury. This latter amount must be reported to the Auditor on or before the first of June and December, annually, and the county is credited with it in the distribution. If Chancery Clerks were prompt in the discharge of their duty, no difficulty would be experienced in the distribution, and the law would work satisfactorily. As it is, however, a few are always direlict, and this direliction on the part of a single one, frustrates the prompt execution of the law, as all must be in before the distribution can commence. This failure on the part of the county auditors to report promptly to the State Auditor is a fruitful source of trouble, not only to superintendents and teachers, but to the Auditor and this office, the responsibility for the failure in the distribution being laid at the doors of the wrong parties, and thereby a vast amount of unnecessary correspondence is entailed in the way of explanations.

As a remedy for this evil, it is suggested that a pecuniary penalty be attached to Chancery Clerks who fail to make their reports at the time appointed by law. The whole trouble lies with them. The fund for distribution is in the treasury department, and the Auditor is ready and anxious to make the distribution at the proper time, but he is powerless to do so until the reports are in from every county. During the past two years, this distribution has been delayed for months, through the neglect of a few clerks, who do not appear to have any appreciation of the importance of promptness.

This delay in the distribution of the school fund often works serious detriment to the school interests, as teachers are thereby deprived of their pay—it may be for months.

TEACHERS.

The pressing demand of the educational system of the State is well-educated and trained teachers. How this demand is to be supplied, is a question that should command the earnest attention of every one who feels an interest in the future well-being of the State. It is true we have among our teachers some that are the peers of those of any other State. These are, however, comparatively few in number. As stated elsewhere in this report, normal schools for the education and training of teachers have been adopted in most States, and this is doubtless the shortest and surest way in obtaining the end sought. It is, however, attended with an expense that it is feared our people, in their present impoverished condition, are unwilling to incur.

As a substitute for normal schools, the next best thing that

suggests itself is Normal Institutes, or Teachers' Institutes. And I am not sure but that these, in our present condition, if well conducted, would not secure as good results as the more elaborate method of Normal schools. The effect would be more immediate, as more parties would be reached, could the teachers, generally, be induced to attend them and take an interest in their proceedings. To accomplish this end some legislation is needed whereby teachers in the public schools may be encouraged, and if necessary, required to attend County Institutes.

Another suggestion that presents itself, looking to the improvement in our teaching force, is the establishment, at the State University, of a Chair of Didactics, or Normal Instruction for the training of young men and young women for the profession of teaching. It is thus proposed to offer students of the University, and others, who wish to become teachers, ample facilities for studying the profession. In such a school, the rights, duties, prerogatives, and advantages of the profession would be secured. By it a more perfect union would be established between the State educational system and the highest institution of learning in the State, (something much to be desired.) The course of study should embrace the art of instructing and governing in the school room, supervision, grading, courses of study, text books, examinations, school law, school hygiene, etc., as also the history of education, the comparison and criticism of the systems of different countries; the science of teaching, and discussions of the theories and methods of teaching. University and other students, educated and trained in this way, are much needed in the educational work of the State, as superintendents, principals, and teachers in our high schools.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

These institutes are of incalculable benefit to teachers, not only from the amount of useful information obtained, but from the professional pride with which teachers are inspired, from improved methods of teaching obtained, and from the new impulse which teachers receive from coming in contact with the leading educators of the State. Could these institutes be extended into normal institutes of five or six weeks annually, they would go far towards supplying our deficiency in the way of normal schools, as thereby teachers would get an insight into their advantages. Indeed, it is claimed by many able and experienced educators, that normal institutes are doing more for the cause of education than established normal schools, as by the former a greater mass of our country teachers can be reached and benefitted; and it is believed that the day is not far distant when normal institute work will be recognized as the most efficient aid in our educational appliances. Many of our teachers, though qualified educationally, are inexperienced

as such, and need just such training as institutes are intended to furnish, in order to obtain a clear comprehension of the duties required of them.

Teachers' Institutes should be regarded as one of the necessities of our system of education, and they should be established on a permanent basis. To this end, it is recommended that some legislative provision be made, whereby teachers attending these institutes may not lose the time while so attending. An important factor in the successful establishment and prosecution of these institutes is an efficient corps of County Superintendents, men who are sufficiently interested in their work to carry it through successfully, and such, I fear, cannot in many instances be obtained for the trifling remuneration now offered.

With a view to the improvement of the teachers, and to revive an interest in the cause of education among the people of the State generally, it was determined last summer to hold a series of Teachers' Institutes under the direction of this department. Five were appointed to be held at different points, viz: Jackson, Brookhaven, Meridian, Okolona and Winona. Owing to the appearance of yellow fever at Memphis about the time appointed for holding the institute at Winona, and the consequent apprehension of the spread of the disease, none was held there. Through the kindness and liberality of Dr. Sears, the General Agent of the Peabody Education Fund, $1000 was allowed from that fund for the purpose of securing the services of two able and experienced normal instructors, Major Jed Hotchkiss, of Virginia, and Professor H. H. Smith, of Texas, to conduct these institutes and to defray the incidental expenses attendant thereon. Though these institutes are frequent in other States where public school systems have been longer in operation, and more successfully conducted than with us, and, in fact, in many such States constitute a part of the system, it was largely an experiment with us. The result, it is gratifying to state, was highly satisfactory, and it is believed to have accomplished much good to the cause of education.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

This institution, it is gratifying to state, is in a flourishing condition, and probably at no former period of its history was its influence for good more generally felt. Chancellor Stewart, in his report dated December 17th, 1879, says: "The number of students admitted into the University from January 1st to December 31, 1878, inclusive, was—law students, 16; undergraduates, 313. Total, 329. From January 1st to December 17, 1879—law students, 23; undergraduates, 399. Total, 422. For the session which began September 26, 1878, and ended June 26, 1879, the numbers were—law students, 17; undergraduates, 301; post-graduates, 1. Total, 319. For the session now current, which began September 25, 1879, the num-

bers admitted to date are—law students, 18; undergraduates, 334; post graduates, 2. Total, 354."

The faculty consists of a chancellor, one professor and five lecturers for the school of law, seven professors and three tutors for the department of science, literature and the arts; one principal and two assistants for the department of preparatory instruction.

The appropriation for the University for the years 1878–79 was $27,000 each year for general purposes, and $6000 for repairs and improvements. Total, $60,000. In addition to the above, there has been received from fees paid by students, as reported by treasurer, as follows: For 1878–'79, $3810 00, and for 1879–'80, $4105 00. The expenditures have been for salaries and current expenses and for repairs, improvements and building.

"The prospects of the University are quite encouraging. There is a growing disposition on the part of the people to give their sons a university education, and Mississippians need an institution of high grade. If the State will see that the University gets *her own*, and will provide feeders in the shape of good high schools, wherever needed, she will do a noble work that will amply repay the cost of her support."

In addition to the above, I have only to add my commendation to the utterances of the worthy and distinguished Chancellor of the University, and to express the hope that your Honorable Body may deem it consistent with the welfare of the State to make such appropriations as will keep the University up to its present high standard.

ALCORN UNIVERSITY.

Owing to the continued demand on my time in the office I have not been able to visit this Institution, and can therefore only submit the following extract from the report of Rev. Dr. Revels, President of the University. Under date of December 19, 1879, he says: "Students have arrived here in greater numbers this year than any year since my return to this University, before the Christmas holidays. We have already enrolled seventy, and if two-thirds of those who have notified us of their intention to come immediately after the Christmas holidays reach here, we will have as many as we are at present prepared, comfortably, to care for. The school is in a high state of prosperity." The following from the report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees exhibits the financial condition of the University: "Salaries of President, Professors, Tutors, etc., for 1878–9 to December 19, 1879, $10,424 23; labor, material for repairs, fencing, etc., for the years 1878–9, to December 19, 1879, $4,027 60. The above includes premium on insurance policies, $78 79. The amount paid out to this date for refectory building is $2,140 00."

Dr. Revels further says: "During the years 1878–79 the proceeds of cotton, wool and pork raised on the place was about $1,100, and expended in repairing and purchasing domitory furniture and other repairs and improvements on building, etc.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

This school, located at Holly Springs, is believed to be doing a good work in the education of teachers for our colored schools in that part of the State, the attendance being principally from a few adjoining counties.

The principal, in his report, dated December 21, 1879, says: "It affords me pleasure to say that regardless of all the dreadful results of the epidemic which visited our city, the school has prospered greatly We made up nearly all the lost time in our studies, and had a very large attendance, while other schools were altogether closed. The attendance for the year 1878–79 was one hundred and seven, with an average attendance of sixty-five. For the year 1879–80 to the present month, the attendance has far exceeded that of the past, and is already one hundred and ten, and the school year is not half out as yet. The average attendance is eighty-four. From the great increase up to the present time I expect to have at least one hundred and fifty scholars this school year. Our prospects are good in every particular. We already see the most encouraging results of our labors in the work of our scholars."

From a personal examination of the school during the past summer I am satisfied it is doing a good work. The Principal, in the report above alluded to, asks for an additional appropriation of five hundred dollars for the purchase of apparatus and books for library, which I would suggest is much needed.

TOUGALOO UNIVERSITY.

This Institution, under the direction and control of the American Missionary Society, is doing a most excellent work in the education of the colored youth of the State. For a number of years after its establishment an annual appropriation was made by the State, supplementary to the funds contributed by the Society, and a Board of Trustees was appointed on the part of the State. This Board still exists, but inasmuch as the last Legislature failed to make appropriation for the University and as the property belongs to the Missionary Society, it would appear to be useless. The Principal, writing on the 20th of December, 1879, says: "The improvement in the school is very marked. This is seen in the general training of students, in the greater number who are desiring to complete the regular course of study, the increased number in attendance in higher grades; in more frequent visits from pat-

rons; and by the friends it is making among the whites where our students have been at work."

The management of the institution is admirable; its teachers are superior, and every thing connected with it is in excellent condition, as I have had occasion to learn from personal observation. As a recognition of the good work being done by the American Missionary Society in the education and elevation of the colored people of the State, it is recommended that a liberal appropriation be made that it may be rendered still more useful.

STATE MAPS.

By an Act of the last Legislature the State Superintendent of Education was authorized to dispose of these maps on hand at fifty cents a piece. Ninety-eight of them have been disposed of under this Act, and the proceeds paid over to the State Treasurer, for which I hold his receipt. There is still on hand about five hundred of them. These maps have been on hand since 1872. There being so little demand for them, and as they are being damaged by storage, it is suggested that the State Superintendent be authorized to distribute them to those public schools that have never received them.

In this connection, it may be well to state that when this office was moved into the Capitol last year, there was on hand certain articles of furniture not needed. These, by direction of the State Board of Education, were sold, and the proceeds, amounting to forty dollars, likewise turned over to the State Treasurer, and for which I hold his receipt.

PEABODY FUND.

In the early part of 1878, I was notified by Dr. Sears, the general agent of the Peabody Educational Fund, that he had promised to my predecessor for the public schools at Senatobia and Water Valley the sum of $500, ($200 to the former and $300 to the latter.) This amount was received and bestowed as promised. Dr. Sears also informed me about the same time that Mississippi would be allowed ten Peabody scholarships at the Nashville Normal College, worth $200 each. It was my purpose to determine the selection of these scholarships by competitive examination, but the yellow fever having, in the meantime, made its appearance in many parts of the State precluded the possibility of carrying out my plan. I, therefore recommended seven of the applicants from different portions of the State, six of whom I am gratified to state, passed satisfactory examinations, and will complete their course in May next, and return to the State to enlist in the education of our youth, prepared to exemplify the most approved methods of teaching.

In the fall of 1879, seven more of these scholarships were filled by competitive examination. So that the State has now thirteen young ladies and gentlemen at the Normal College at Nashville.

The following is a statement of the amount received from the Peabody Fund for the last two years, and the disposition made of the same:

1878.

Public Schools at Water Valley	$ 300 00
Public Schools at Senatobia	200 00
Seven Scholarships at Nashville Normal College	1,400 00

1879.

Thirteen Scholarships at Nashville Normal College	$ 2,600 00
Teacher's Institutes	1,000 00
Water Valley Public Schools	300 00
Columbus Public Schools	300 00
Vicksburg Public Schools	300 00
Jackson Public Schools	250 00
Summit Public Schools	250 00
Aberdeen Public Schools	250 00
Total	$ 5,250 00

This fund has heretofore been used principally in the direct aid to public schools, but Dr. Sears, in a recent communication, informs me that the Board of Trustees, at their meeting in October last, had decided to discontinue aid to public schools, except in extraordinary cases, and to use their fund for educating teachers for their work. This will prove a serious inconvenience to some of our schools that have, for several years past, looked to this source for assistance, but the ultimate result, it is believed, will prove beneficial to the cause of education.

AN ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Is much needed. The duties of the office have largely increased within the last few years, and are now such that no one man can properly attend to them. The State Superintendent is expected to visit and inspect the schools in different portions of the State; to counsel and advise with County Superintendents; to hold teacher's institutes and to look after the general interests of the public schools. Yet when he leaves his office at the Capitol, it must be closed, and its business is suspended until his return. The average number of letters he has been called on to answer annually, for the

last two years, will not fall short of two thousand, and in addition to this, he is required by law to furnish all the necessary blanks to County Superintendents for the operations of their respective schools.

The State Board of Education has allowed, for the last two years, a small amount, $200 00, per annum, from the contingent fund to pay its Secretary, and he has been employed by the Department in the way of assistance, without which much of its business must have been neglected.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

It will doubtless appear to many a work of supererogation, at this late day, to undertake any argument in support of popular education, but there are still among us those who would dispense with all State aid in this most important of State duties, some of whom are honest in their convictions—believing that the education of the youth of the country is a duty which devolves alone on the parent. This question—as to whether or not the State shall aid in the education of her children—if we may accept the sentiment of other States and peoples, is settled in the affirmative. If, as it is claimed, the virtue, integrity, and happiness of a people depend upon their intelligence; if the statistics of the prison and poor-house can be relied on, that the great mass of their inmates are uneducated; if it be true that ignorance and sensuality go hand in hand, and that illiteracy, bigotry, and superstition are all closely allied, then the correct answer to this question is unmistakeable. No one in this enlightened age will question the fact that labor is remunerative just in proportion as it is directed by intelligence and skill, and at this particular period of time remuneration in some shape or other, is the end of all labor, and the amount of remuneration should be in inverse ratio to the amount of labor, or in other words, it should be our aim to derive the fullest benefit from the labor expended, and in order to attain this end we must be able to labor intelligently. I would not be understood as arguing in favor of a parsimonious policy in school matters; for it can be demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that no investment of State or individual means, brings in so large a profit as in education. Unfortunately for Mississippi, she is, at present, unable to expend that amount in the education of her youth that her necessities demand.

It is not an uncommon impression among those who have given but little attention to the history of the State, that public education dates its introduction among us from the termination of the late war, and that the present system was foisted on the people by those who had no abiding interest with us. Such, however, is not the case. As far back as 1846 an Act to establish a system of common schools was adopted by the Legislature of this State. In January, 1867, an eminent body

of teachers, composed of such men as J. N. Waddel, Geo. Little, H. F. Johnson, Thomas S. Gathright, Walter Hillman, A. J. Quinche, and many others of the leading educators of the State, assembled in the city of Jackson, to take under consideration its educational interests. This body urgently recommended the adoption, by the State, of a common school system, for the colored, as well as the white children. And even previous to that date, scarcely a message from the Governor fails to call attention to this important measure. Governor Holmes, more than sixty years ago, in his annual message, says: "In a community where the people profess to be capable of governing themselves, and where all legitimate power emanates from them, it is an acknowledged truth that the facility of obtaining education is an object of primary importance and ought to claim the unremitting attention of those to whom the high functions are committed." Governor McNutt, in 1838, said: "Property qualifications having been repudiated, and a short residence and mature age being the sole passport to the ballot-box, and to office, it is essential to our happiness and the preservation of our liberties to provide sufficient means and proper inducements to secure the education of every child in the State." Governor Tucker, in his message to the Legislature, in 1844, urging the adoption of some measure looking to public education, said: "It is true some would have to pay school tax who have no children to educate. This would be an expense without profit, to some extent. But in an enlightened and just view of the subject the whole community, as well as those who have not as those who have children to educate would be benefitted. Hon. A. G. Brown, who still lives and entertains the sentiments expressed by him more than a quarter of a century ago, when Governor of the State, said: "The rich may say 'we have no interest in the education of the poor.' There could be no greater or more fatal error. Pride, the love of offspring, the ephemeral pleasure of witnessing the tree of youth nurtured by our care, as it expands and grows and ripens into manhood—these teach the rich to educate their own children; but the higher considerations of patriotism, the holier cause of religion and morality, the pure and unstained love of human happiness, teach them to educate the poor." Governor McWillie said, in 1858: "You need have no fear of paying too much for purposes of education; its value is beyond any measure that can be made in dollars and cents. We have expended hundreds of thousands of dollars for the benefit of thieves and murderers in the erection of a penitentiary, thus taxing the honest labor and capital of the country for the benefit of criminals. Let the money be expended in the education of the people, and it will be a better appropriation, and prevent more crime than such institutions."

These and like expressions from the speeches and messages of the great minds of the State in the past might be repeated

through all of its history, from its organization down to the late war, all going to show that public education was a fixed and well defined idea long before the days of alien rule, under whom the present system was inaugurated.

It therefore behooves those in power to utilize to the best advantage the limited means at their command. We have now in the State the ground-work of a good system of public education, and if it is properly nurtured by our law-makers, administered faithfully by those in authority, and sustained by the people of the State, must in a few years work blessings of inestimable benefit.

J. A. SMITH,
State Superintendent of Public Education.

EXPENDITURES of the Department of Education, from January 1st to December 31st, 1878.

State Superintendent's salary.....	$ 2,000 00	
Amount expended, express, postage, etc., out of general fund for that purpose	46 81	
Cost of public printing, including 4,068 registers for public schools....	1,919 72	
Total....		$ 3,966 53

State Superintendent, In Account with State, DR.

To amount of contingent fund received from predecessor.....	$ 410 50	
To amount of contingent fund received by warrants from Treasurer.....	250 00	
Total		$ 650 50

Per Contra. CR.

By amount expended for light, fuel, gas, etc.....	$ 11 50	
By amount expended for P. O. box rent and official telegrams.....	10 75	
By amount expended for moving office to Capitol building.....	5 00	
By amount expended for repairs on office furniture.....	4 50	
By amount allowed by State Board to Secretary.....	212 98	
By amount allowed by State Board to janitor	64 95	
By amount allowed by State Board for travel on official business.....	34 30	
By amount expended for express and postage out of contingent fund.....	150 55	
By amount expended for stationery...	16 55	
Total expended.....		$ 511 08
Balance on hand.....		$ 149 42

EXPENDITURES of the Department of Education, from January 1st, to December 31st, 1879.

State Superintendent's salary.....	$ 2,000 00	
Cost of public printing.....	568 25	
Total.....		$ 2,568 25

State Superintendent, In Account with the State. DR.

To balance of contingent fund on hand January 1st, 1879.....	$149 42	
To amount of contingent fund received by warrants from Treasurer.....	326 35	
Total.....		$ 475 77

Contra. CR.

By amount allowed by State Board of Education to Secretary.....	$ 116 66	
By amount allowed by State Board for janitor in Superintendent's office....	90 00	
By amount paid for P. O. box rent....	10 00	
By amount paid for postage.....	87 13	
By amount paid for expressage.....	25 00	
By amount paid for stationery.....	5 65	
By amount paid for traveling expenses.	126 35	
By amount paid for moving furniture from old office to Capitol.....	1 00	
By amount paid for official telegrams..	1 50	
By amount paid for repairs on office furniture.....	7 50	
Total expended.....		$ 475 77
To balance in Superintendent's hand.		$ 4 98

GENERAL STATISTICS.

NUMBER of Educable Children in the State.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams	818	798	1616	3490	3001	6491
Alcorn	1582	1583	3165	523	524	1047
Amite	1080	983	2063	1668	1180	2848
Attala	1729	1730	3459	1427	1427	2854
Benton	920	714	1634	750	702	1452
Bolivar	743	944	1687	1570	3496	5066
Calhoun	2035	2015	4050	740	740	1480
Carroll	1500	1197	2697	1553	1494	3047
Chickasaw	1335	1333	2670	1452	1453	2905
Choctaw	1060	1003	2063	363	346	703
Claiborne	725	643	1368	2198	2125	4323
Clarke	1365	1272	2637	1571	1401	2972
Coahoma	177	160	337	1137	902	2039
Copiah	2235	1884	4119	2243	1888	4131
Covington	712	620	1332	301	252	553
Clay	850	870	1720	1618	1692	3310
DeSoto	1362	1124	2486	2415	2184	4599
Franklin	672	553	1225	535	444	979
Greene	262	262	524	65	64	129
Grenada	767	768	1535	1585	1586	3171
Hancock	632	632	1264	316	316	632
Harrison	784	712	1496	258	189	447
Hinds	1723	1525	3248	4288	3689	7977
Holmes	1320	1320	2640	2640	2640	5280
Issaquena	52	55	107	781	687	1468
Itawamba	1265	1265	2530	315	315	630
Jackson	966	906	1872	367	369	739
Jasper	1060	1009	2069	792	800	1592
Jefferson	553	527	1090	1494	1254	2748
Jones	658	584	1242	48	58	106
Kemper	1357	1234	2591	1534	1380	2914
Lafayette	1858	1767	3625	1463	1584	3047
Lauderdale	1626	1641	3267	1655	1656	3311
Lawrence	1080	720	1800	720	480	1200
Leake	1400	1190	2590	847	658	1505
Leflore	270	220	490	957	809	1766
Lee	1610	1610	3220	707	707	1414
Lincoln	1269	1095	2364	824	800	1624
Lowndes	775	767	1542	3803	3143	6946
Madison	806	880	1686	2673	2813	5486
Marion	732	641	1074	320	270	590
Marshall	1760	1740	3500	3265	2235	4500
Monroe	3000	2100	5100	4500	3000	7500

NUMBER of Educable Children in the State.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Montgomery..	1800	1800	3600	950	950	1900
Neshoba.....	950	1044	1994	189	175	364
Newton	1300	1200	2500	557	483	1040
Noxubee	904	832	1736	5289	4365	9654
Oktibbeha.. ..	964	860	1824	2069	1878	3947
Panola.	2000	1898	3898	2211	3054	5265
Perry.....	427	427	854	167	168	335
Pike.....	1711	1416	3127	1323	1190	2513
Pontotoc	1418	1419	2837	506	506	1012
Prentiss	1600	1570	3190	331	310	640
Quitman.....	78	88	166	83	83	166
Rankin	1100	998	2098	1200	1076	2276
Scott	1140	1046	2186	755	719	1474
Sharkey.....	184	145	329	766	605	1371
Simpson.....	661	975	1636	528	448	976
Smith.....	1132	927	2059	293	210	503
Sumner.....	1217	1212	2429	363	363	726
Sunflower.....	280	198	478	413	333	743
Tallahatchie ..	465	572	1037	848	767	1615
Tippah.....	1862	1658	3520	440	344	784
Tishomingo ..	783	714	1497	526	500	1026
Tunica.....	70	60	130	602	685	1087
Tate.....	1401	1448	2849	1501	1567	3063
Union.....	1386	1001	2387	1051	999	2050
Warren	2452	2452	4904	3250	3251	6501
Washington...	448	400	848	3119	2600	5719
Wayne	496	496	992	385	386	771
Wilkinson	534	505	1039	2374	2329	4703
Winston	1112	917	2030	897	747	1644
Yalobusha. ...	1141	1000	2141	721	627	1348
Yazoo.....	1698	1682	3380	3674	3675	7349
Total.....	81,221	74,458	155,679	98,052	92,159	190,211

NUMBER in Schools during the Year.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams	261	301	562	945	1223	2168
Alcorn	1221	1211	2432	427	418	845
Amite.....	398	410	808	536	672	1208
Attala.....	1432	1501	2933	1222	1301	2523
Benton	764	608	1372	516	518	1034
Bolivar.....	558	708	1266	1413	3141	4554
Calhoun	1945	1925	3870	680	680	1360
Carroll.....	1065	985	2050	1092	1142	2234
Chickasaw....	1105	1126	2231	1201	1209	2410
Choctaw.....	675	723	1398	196	203	398
Claiborne.....	415	337	752	1129	1127	2256
Clarke.....	462	626	1088	215	245	460
Coahoma	128	146	274	695	643	1338
Copiah	1300	1350	2650	1125	1175	2300
Covington	429	398	807	205	174	378
Clay.....	806	820	1626	1507	1529	3036
DeSoto.....	854	774	1628	1256	1156	2402
Franklin.....	177	170	347	106	104	210
Greene.....	120	120	240	40	45	85
Grenada.....	428	430	858	925	930	1855
Hancock.....	186	151	337	58	54	112
Harrison.....	288	211	499	59	17	76
Hinds.....	1950	1835	3785	2480	2790	5270
Holmes.....	493	525	1018	1385	1679	3064
Issaquena.....	21	21	42	302	265	567
Itawamba.....	1296	1035	2311	158	128	286
Jackson	184	164	348	84	87	171
Jasper.....	659	612	1271	400	384	784
Jefferson.....	324	342	666	789	858	1647
Jones.....	400	375	775	14	11	25
Kemper	784	796	1580	588	591	1179
Lafayette.....	1285	1261	2546	1012	1231	2243
Lauderdale....	1984	1932	3916	1040	1182	2222
Lawrence	720	580	1300	720	480	1200
Leake.....	1264	954	2218	712	634	1346
Leflore.....	161	144	305	263	226	489
Lee	1764	1426	3190	762	684	1446
Lincoln.....	926	852	1778	611	601	1212
Lowndes	482	485	967	1432	1420	2852
Madison.....	656	696	1352	1478	1539	3817
Marion.....	409	302	711	148	126	274
Marshall.....	1126	1122	2248	1557	1516	3073
Monroe.....	1070	1000	2070	2000	1500	3500
Montgomery..	1140	980	2120	690	592	1282

NUMBER in Schools during the Year.

COUNTIES.	WHHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Neshoba	639	409	1048	36	53	89
Newton.....	765	646	1411	185	190	375
Noxubee	562	578	1140	2947	2635	5582
Oktibbeha	625	576	1201	1226	1192	2468
Panola.....	1535	1603	3138	1278	1321	2599
Perry	201	130	331	88	50	138
Pike.....	66	50	116	72	80	152
Pontotoc	920	880	1800	455	449	900
Prentiss	1490	1421	2911	290	257	547
Quitman	45	52	97	62	71	133
Rankin.....	680	520	1200	510	490	1000
Scott.....	371	345	716	160	155	315
Sharkey.....	67	53	120	234	235	469
Simpson.....	303	251	554	156	134	290
Smith.....	288	255	543	19	18	37
Sumner.....	1167	1222	2389	340	348	688
Sunflower	103	97	200	307	298	605
Tallahatchie ..	431	380	811	573	490	1063
Tippah.....	1560	1438	2998	350	329	679
Tishomingo ..	592	592	1184	500	517	1017
Tunica.....	53	58	111	553	489	1342
Tate	1150	973	2123	769	753	1522
Union	1130	1182	2312	300	220	220
Warren.....	560	560	1120	1506	1505	3011
Washington...	194	129	323	1293	1037	2330
Wayne.	357	342	699	291	298	589
Wilkinson	230	182	412	636	606	1242
Winston.....	1023	851	1874	811	667	1478
Yalobusha.....	388	323	711	118	117	235
Yazoo.....	529	500	1029	1500	1470	2970
Totals.....	.....	.....	101,201	.....	.....	104,777

AVERAGE Monthly Enrollment.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams	290	311	600	972	1141	2113
Alcorn	1171	951	2122	444	398	842
Amite	386	401	787	529	661	1190
Attala	1102	1123	2225	601	664	1265
Benton	694	563	1257	471	432	903
Bolivar	558	708	1266	1413	3141	4554
Calhoun	486	481	967	170	170	340
Carroll	520	480	1000	580	520	1100
Chickasaw	723	642	1365	682	730	1412
Choctaw	675	723	1398	196	203	399
Claiborne	364	325	689	893	925	1818
Clarke	621	560	1180	633	601	
Coahoma	115	134	249	651	604	1255
Copiah	1201	1208	2409	1080	1025	2105
Covington	416	367	783	193	153	346
Clay	691	698	1389	1033	997	2030
DeSoto	697	562	1259	912	882	1794
Franklin	145	146	291	99	97	196
Greene	101	106	207	31	34	65
Grenada	291	291	582	782	782	1564
Hancock	221	176	397	97	105	202
Harrison	208	137	345	33	16	49
Hinds	1800	1900	3700	2700	2900	5600
Holmes	680	700	1380	700	720	1420
Issaquena	21	21	42	302	265	567
Itawamba	1013	885	1898	122	102	224
Jackson	144	141	285	70	72	142
Jasper	428	443	871	243	232	475
Jefferson	287	281	568	740	757	1497
Jones	290	271	561	10	8	18
Kemper	590	579	1170	441	470	910
Lafayette	1053	1021	2073	921	1145	2066
Lauderdale	1755	1795	3550	974	1025	1999
Lawrence	720	480	1200	480	320	800
Leake	1021	772	1793	611	546	1157
Leflore	161	144	305	263	226	489
Lee	1469	1111	2580	629	624	1253
Lincoln	540	464	1004	283	342	625
Lowndes	477	435	912	1202	1190	2392
Madison	556	596	1152	1379	1438	2817
Marion	328	258	586	121	93	214
Marshall	962	937	1899	1257	1302	2559
Monroe	850	825	1675	1800	1350	3150

AVERAGE Monthly Enrollment.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Montgomery..	962	737	1699	645	573	1218
Neshoba.....	526	374	900	42	73	115
Newton.....	576	514	1090	113	134	247
Noxubee.....	513	423	963	2244	2074	4318
Oktibbeha	522	513	1035	1072	1011	2083
Panola.....	1298	1321	2619	1594	1832	3226
Perry.....	201	130	331	88	50	138
Pike.....	51	37	88	69	69	138
Pontotoc.....	762	781	1543	398	407	805
Prentiss	1203	1115	2318	260	241	501
Quitman.....	41	47	88	58	65	123
Rankin.....	590	508	1098	470	460	930
Scott.....	275	302	577	99	87	186
Sharkey.....	56	48	104	208	204	412
Simpson.....	300	240	540	170	130	300
Smith	288	252	540	16	20	36
Sumner	1167	1222	2389	340	348	688
Sunflower.....	95	87	182	291	265	556
Tallahatchie...	385	341	726	480	400	880
Tippah.....	1346	1313	2659	314	241	555
Tishomingo...	357	365	712	372	381	753
Tunica.....	33	40	23	384	340	724
Tate.....	862	750	1612	627	615	1242
Union.....	400	378	778	100	30	130
Warren	427	410	837	1305	1327	2632
Washington...	171	106	277	1110	926	2036
Wayne	301	298	599	276	252	528
Wilkinson....	203	168	371	585	570	1155
Winston.....	804	622	1426	713	642	1355
Yalobusha....	400	320	720	400	420	820
Yazoo.....	460	428	888	1300	1460	2760
Total.....	.....	.....	82,566	.....	.....	88,660

AVERAGE daily attendance.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Eeuale*	*Total.*
Adams.....	224	256	480	1023	1096	2119
Alcorn.....	604	604	1208	464	464	928
Amite.....	333	394	727	424	445	869
Attala.....	470	470	940	325	325	650
Benton	444	261	705	238	297	535
Bolivar.....	357	478	835	1122	1677	2799
Calhoun	635	635	1270	212	212	424
Carroll.....	520	480	1000	580	520	1100
Chickasaw	465	465	930	520	520	1040
Choctaw..... .	560	578	1138	123	151	274
Claiborne.....	284	267	551	740	736	1476
Clarke	368	531	899	142	178	320
Coahoma. ...	105	107	112	499	466	965
Copiah	995	980	1975	845	795	1640
Covington.....	328	282	610	139	113	252
Clay.....	456	461	917	692	681	1373
DeSoto.....	515	645	980	680	680	1360
Franklin	104	99	203	88	81	169
Greene	73	61	134	50	50	100
Grenada.....	255	259	517	517	517	1034
Hancock.....	220	185	405	93	98	191
Harrison	155	110	265	27	13	40
Hinds	1700	1600	3330	2600	2900	5500
Holmes.....	540	560	1100	520	540	1060
Issaquena	21	21	42	302	265	567
Itawamba	717	646	1363	98	86	184
Jackson.....	109	104	213	54	54	108
Jasper..... ...	303	328	631	240	196	436
Jefferson..... .	211	236	447	610	618	1228
Jones.....	251	232	483	8	6	14
Kemper..... ...	434	607	1041	44	445	856
Lafayette.....	863	757	1620	721	812	1551
Lauderdale.. .	1360	1421	2781	894	926	1820
Lawrence.....	360	240	600	240	180	420
Leake.....	817	618	1435	489	437	926
Leflore.....	129	120	249	200	180	380
Lee	1030	985	2015	504	505	1009
Lincoln.....	396	358	754	231	267	498
Lowndes..	362	319	681	998	907	1905
Madison.....	445	480	925	1074	939	2013
Marion.....	253	198	451	86	69	155
Marshall	900	1000	1900	1351	1370	2721
Monroe.... ..	700	500	1200	1300	1000	2300

AVERAGE daily attendance.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Montgomery..	700	684	1384	546	564	1110
Neshoba.....	482	326	808	37	66	103
Newton.....	425	388	813	430	131	261
Noxubee.....	397	315	712	1528	1409	2937
Oktibbeha	487	433	920	901	877	1778
Panola	978	1221	2199	1394	1532	2926
Perry.....	112	112	234	55	56	111
Pike....	33	24	57	36	41	77
Pontotoc.....	601	632	1243	361	382	743
Prentiss	981	932	1913	225	216	441
Quitman	35	37	72	47	57	104
Rankin.....	560	450	1010	410	400	810
Slott.....	227	196	423	89	83	172
Sharkey	52	47	99	196	192	388
Simpson.....	298	230	528	150	132	282
Smith.....	260	235	495	14	16	30
Sumner.....	778	815	1593	230	439	669
Sunflower.....	72	81	153	257	221	478
Tallahatchie...	278	259	537	366	348	714
Tippah.....	756	714	1470	215	196	411
Tishomingo...	520	312	633	299	308	607
Tunica	23	25	48	254	214	468
Tate	714	657	1371	589	586	1175
Union.....	900	924	1824	201	191	392
Warren.....	301	400	701	823	823	1646
Washington...	170	109	279	990	730	1720
Wayne.....	193	197	390	172	186	358
Wilkinson	185	150	335	541	533	1074
Winston.....	768	592	1360	641	603	1244
Yalobusha....	260	240	500	340	340	680
Yazoo.....	385	400	785	860	1100	1960
Totals....	.....	.....	64,318	.....	.....	71,658

NUMBER of Teachers Employed in the Public Schools during the Year.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams.....	11	17	28	10	35	45
Alcorn.....	51	13	64	8	3	11
Amite.....			50			15
Attala.....	47	26	73	22	2	24
Benton.....			51			37
Bolivar.....	5	9	14	19	10	29
Calhoun.....	45	18	63	8	4	12
Carroll.....	39	24	63	26	6	32
Chickasaw....	38	39	77	38	21	59
Choctaw.....	21	17	38	7	1	8
Claiborne.....	18	23	41	11	18	29
Clarke.....	16	10	26	7	4	11
Coahoma.....	9	6	15	25	12	37
Copiah.....	37	40	77	45	12	57
Covington.....	18	8	26	5	3	8
Clay.....	20	20	40	43	11	54
DeSoto.....	24	32	56	36	17	53
Franklin.....	8	6	14	1	2	3
Greene.....	6	2	8	1	1	2
Grenada.....	13	11	24	16	8	24
Hancock.....	7	5	12	2	2	4
Harrison.....	8	5	13		0	0
Hinds.....	29	36	65	42	39	81
Holmes.....	32	29	61	35	25	60
Issaquena.....	3	8	3	9	5	14
Itawamba.....	51	8	59	7	1	8
Jackson.....	7	5	12	3	0	3
Jasper.....	21	8	29	12	1	13
Jefferson.....	11	14	25	17	27	44
Jones.....	19	3	22	1	0	1
Kemper.....	26	25	51	14	4	18
Lafayette.....	38	34	72	31	14	45
Lauderdale...	21	8	29	12	0	12
Lawrence.....	15	7	22	8	1	9
Leake.....	42	13	55	18	5	23
Leflore.....	5	14	19	10	0	10
Lee.....	54	39	93	20	51	35
Lincoln.....	29	12	41	9	13	22
Lowndes.....	14	22	36	21	8	29
Madison.....	25	27	52	19	16	35
Marion.....	13	4	17	5	0	5
Marshall.....	42	50	92	39	22	61

NUMBER of Teachers Employed in the Public Schools during the year.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Monroe	39	30	69	53	26	79
Montgomery ..	32	25	57	21	10	31
Neshoba.....	20	15	35	6	1	7
Newton.....	21	13	34	8	1	9
Noxubee.....	34	31	65	40	27	67
Oktibbeha.....	10	11	21	10	4	14
Panola	38	39	77	41	59	100
Perry.....	6	6	12	2	1	3
Pike.....	2	2	4	3	1	4
Pontotoc	46	25	71	13	6	16
Prentiss.....	54	17	71	12	4	16
Quitman.....	2	3	5	2	1	3
Rankin.....	33	31	64	20	9	29
Scott	9	10	19	4	0	4
Sharkey	3	1	4	4	8	12
Simpson	18	6	24	7	0	7
Smith.....	6	12	18	1	0	1
Sumner.....	28	18	46	7	12	19
Sunflower.....	6	6	12	5	2	7
Tallahatchie...	22	17	39	14	8	22
Tippah	46	33	79	14	2	16
Tishomingo ...	42	28	70	8	2	10
Tunica	2	5	7	17	2	19
Tate.....	31	35	66	28	8	36
Union.....	41	13	54	9	1	10
Warren.....	8	27	35	21	30	51
Washington...	9	6	15	24	7	31
Wayne.....	17	6	23	6	2	8
Wilkinson	12	21	33	9	1	10
Winston	25	21	46	20	10	30
Yalobusha....	12	11	23	3	2	5
Yazoo.....	22	22	44	44	8	52
Totals.....		2,948				1,813

AVERAGE Number of Days Taught, and Total Receipts and Expenditures.

COUNTIES.	IN THE COUNTRY.	IN CITIES.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	TOTAL EXPEN'TURES.
Adams	80	160	9,625 64	9,625 64
Aleorn	80		8,755 95	8,755 95
Amite	80		7,800 00	7,488 77
Attala	116		14,403 85	11,016 73
Benton	80		6,947 58	6,665 03
Bolivar	100		4,062 21	5,354 10
Calhoun	68		7,243 65	7,609 68
Carroll	68 4–7		10,969 12	9,364 30
Chickasaw	80		12,300 00	12,456 00
Choctaw	34		2,793 80	2,594 74
Claiborne	95		12,614 41	9,550 50
Clarke	80		3,739 80	4,227 48
Coahoma	100		9,666 31	8,745 00
Copiah	80		18,755 45	18,755 45
Covington	39		2,000 00	1,996 96
Clay	75		7,853 11	8,154 88
DeSoto	96		1,2972 52	12,972 52
Franklin	80		259 23	2,140 67
Greene	74		1,064 35	951 55
Grenada	80		4,626 71	5,223 65
Hancock	40		1,085 89	927 64
Harrison	92		2,835 74	1,981 60
Hinds	90		30,283 84	30,553 84
Holmes	80		12,875 75	17,194 24
Issaquena	80		3,141 76	2,764 40
Itawamba	80		8,757 00	7,455 33
Jackson	100		3,365 41	1,385 95
Jasper	80		4,177 00	3,856 73
Jefferson	100		12,467 00	8,697 09
Jones	100		2,585 45	1,792 47
Kemper	64		4,777 37	6,292 51
Lafayette	100		14,660 95	13,716 95
Lauderdale	80		7,545 86	4,170 78
Lawrence	40		3,044 00	3,134 00
Leake	80		7,783 98	6,512 14
Leflore	100		15,652 05	16,473 66
Lee	77		5,526 64	6,734 55
Lincoln	62 2–9		13,515 29	10,060 57
Lowndes	80	150	4,601 81	4,184 22
Madison	95		16,000 00	15,910 00
Marion	80		2,792 08	2,519 90
Marshall	100		30,049 87	23,519 86
Monroe	80		20,570 04	18,663 54
Montgomery	65		7,004 79	7,154 79

AVERAGE Number of Days Taught, and Total Receipts and Expenditures.

COUNTIES.	IN THE COUNTRY.	IN CITIES.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	TOTAL EXPEN'TURES.
Neshoba	70		1,715 76	1,055 51
Newton	71		3,662 83	3,492 99
Noxubee	96 1-2		22,400 38	22,487 19
Oktibbeha	80		4,367 63	3,530 00
Panola	78		20,999 89	21,362 04
Perry	59		1,550 55	1,136 15
Pike	80		2,376 11	921 33
Pontotoc	78		9,397 00	9,515 00
Prestiss	100		15,962 22	11,256 64
Quitman	80		758 83	758 83
Rankin	75		10,955 48	10,955 33
Scott	80		5,715 37	2,070 45
Sharkey	87		883 75	1,905 00
Simpson	60		3,553 01	2,124 60
Smith	80		1,239 99	850 33
Sumner	42		3,984 85	3,984 85
Sunflower	80		703 86	1,577 00
Tallahatchie	66		7,170 44	5,976 56
Tippah	80		10,912 60	8,478 50
Tishomingo	92		5,490 41	7,263 41
Tunica	92		5,806 84	4,527 18
Tate	80		11,541 80	11,984 60
Union	80		9,739 22	9,729 00
Warren	95	151	20,005 58	23,199 05
Washington	88		14,783 61	11,873 00
Wayne	80		1,397 34	1,917 15
Wilkinson	80		4,190 24	3,640 74
Winston	100		9,353 36	8,530 02
Yalobusha	68		3,379 56	2,785 91
Yazoo	80		20,000 00	16,240 51
Totals	79 1-3	153 2/3	$626,268 81	$592,805 13

AVERAGE Salary Paid Teachers.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.	COLORED.
Adams	$ 20 00	$ 20 00
Alcorn	....	....
Amite	23 39	23 39
Attala	31 06	29 90
Benton	19 02	15 86
Bolivar	29 00	29 00
Calhoun	30 00	17 00
Carroll	28 75	28 75
Chickasaw	22 08	22 08
Choctaw	35 00	27 00
Claiborne	29 00	30 50
Clarke	25 00	25 00
Coahoma	38 92	34 42
Copiah	32 30	25 69
Covington	27 62	29 42
Clay	29 62½	24 20
DeSoto	24 36	21 75
Franklin	27 06	27 44
Greene	24 04	24 04
Grenada	28 85	28 85
Hancock	27 85	27 75
Harrison	30 25	30 25
Hinds	40 00	34 00
Holmes	35 52	34 00
Isaaquena	41 40	41 00
Itawamba	27 42	27 42
Jackson	34 43	25 00
Jasper	22 36	22 36
Jefferson	25 51	24 21
Jones	17 00	20 00
Kemper	23 19	19 62
Lafayette	33 50	31 45
Lauderdale	25 62	24 25
Lawrence	48 00	42 00
Leake	25 23	25 22
Leflore	18 12	40 09
Lee	31 02	34 16
Lincoln	32 00	29 32
Lowndes	30 00	28 50
Madison	36 00	39 00
Marion	27 98	27 35
Marshall	23 76	38 42
Monroe	29 87	25 00

AVERAGE Salary Paid Teachers.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.	COLORED.
Montgomery	$ 20 32	$ 20 32
Neshoba	16 04	16 04
Newton	17 02	18 93
Noxubee	30 13	30 65
Oktibbeha	25 00	25 00
Panola	32 48	30 85
Perry	25 00	25 00
Pike	28 12	24 92
Pontotoc	30 00	26 00
Prentiss	26 53	26 53
Quitman	25 00	25 00
Rankin	27 50	27 50
Scott	25 00	25 00
Sharkey	43 54	28 30
Simpson	23 00	23 00
Smith	10 20	10 20
Sumner	29 19	29 19
Sunflower	35 00	35 00
Tallahatchie	30 70	33 46
Tippah	25 53	21 23
Tishomingo	25 00	25 00
Tunica	40 00	40 00
Tate	29 67	26 00
Union	39 00	30 00
Warren	28 22	28 22
Washington	32 33	39 15
Wayne	15 00	15 00
Wilkinson	23 00	24 00
Winston	22 98	18 52
Yalobusha	32 28	25 60
Yazoo	40 00	40 00
Totals	$2,788 00	$ 2,691 00

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COUNTIES.	From State Tax.	From County Tax	Total from Taxation.	Interest on permanent fund including rents from school lands.....
Adams.....	$ 7,219 48	$1,460 00	$ 8,679 48	.....
Alcorn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amite	1,800 00	6,000 00	7,800 00	.....
Attala.....	3,771 36	8,174 00	11,945 36	$ 432 18
Benton.....	4,810 88	2,136 70	6,947 58	.....
Bolivar.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun.....	.....	2,800 00	.....	3,400 00
Carroll.....	3,516 25	7,432 87	10,969 12	.....
Chickasaw.....	7,000 00	5,300 00	12,300 00	.....
Choctaw.....	1,854 98	900 40	2,793 80	.....
Claiborne.....	4,164 42	7,974 99	12,139 41	4,800 00
Clarke.....	2,786 53	.....	2,786 53	.....
Coahoma.....	2,695 84	4,515 72	7,211 56	.....
Copiah.....	4,734 66	13,534 21	18,268 87	.....
Covington.....	1,200 00	800 00	2,000 00	.....
Clay.....	1,601 89	.....	1,601 89	2,315 30
De Soto	3,806 02	2,367 40	6,173 42	3,105 00
Franklin.....	971 65	257 81	1,229 46	.....
Greene.....	542 55	437 28	979 83	.....
Grenada.....	1,773 68	2,348 63	.....	339 50
Hancock.....	639 92	445 97	1,085 89	.....
Harrison.....	1,346 79	701 94	2,048 73	.....
Hinds.....	8,000 00	10,122 00	18,122 00	1,370 00
Holmes.....	4,580 75	8,000 00	13,130 75	200 00
Issaquena.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Itawamba.....	2,009 00	3,000 00	5,009 00	.....
Jackson.....	2,856 77	.....	2,856 77	.....
Jasper.....	1,550 00	.....	1,550 00	.....
Jefferson	2,986 58	6,250 21	9,236 79	1,125 00
Jones.....	944 95	900 00	1,844 95	.....
Kemper.....	3,522 37	1,255 60	4,777 37	.....
Lafayette.....	3,648 18	2,246 25	5,894 46	.....
Lauderdale.....	3,635 33	1,020 14	4,655 47	.....
Lawrence.....	1,640 00	1,400 00	3,040 00	.....
Leake	2,933 98	3,500 00	6,433 98	150 00
Leflore.....	1,000 00	1,578 25	2,578 25	.....
Lee.....	4,146 29	1,943 39	6,089 68	.....
Lincoln.....	3,198 56	1,912 45	5,111 01	.....

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COUNTIES.	From State Tax.	From County Tax	Total from Taxation.	Interest on permanent fund, including rents from school lands.....
Lowndes.....	$ 8,976 22	$ 2,161 23	$ 11,137 45	2,377 84
Madison.....	3,250 00	11,750 00	15,000 00	.....
Marion.....	2,792 18	.....	2,792 18	.....
Marshall.....	2,965 25	10,253 03	13,218 28	5,231 25
Monroe.....	9,040 00	7,160 00	16,200 00	.....
Montgomery...	4,063 38	2,941 41	7,004 79	.....
Neshoba.....	1,700 70	2,629 30	4,330 00	65 00
Newton.....	2,311 03	1,352 80	3,663 83	.....
Noxubee.....	8,070 89	14,329 49	22,400 38	.....
Oktibbeha.....	2,663 28	4,367 63	7,030 91	.....
Panola.....	4,043 02	9,583 00	13,626 02	4,243 30
Perry.....	842 55	.....	842 55	.....
Pike.....	379 70	2,336 44	2,715 74	.....
Pontotoc.....	3,012 00	1,967 00	4,979 00	3,008 00
Prentiss.....	2,302 66	2,683 07	5,985 73	656 41
Quitman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rankin.....	4,349 94	6,605 54	10,955 48	.....
Scott.....	1,100 00	426 47	1,526 47	256 00
Sharkey*.....	652 08	1,196 00	1,848 08	.....
Simpson.....	1,882 51	1,461 76	3,343 27	.....
Smith.....	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Sumner.....	.....	1,792 33	1,792 33	.....
†Sunflower.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tallahatchie....	1,736 56	5,133 88	6,870 44	300 00
Tippah.....	1,274 00	3,033 60	4,307 60	3,633 75
Tishomingo....	2,709 94	2,780 77	5,490 61	.....
Tunica.....	.....	.....	596 60	2,759 32
Tate.....	6,475 38	4,866 42	11,341 80	.....
Union.....	1,400 00	2,500 00	3,900 00	2,686 48
Warren.....	5,305 58	11,700 00	17,005 58	.....
Washington....	4,988 63	7,807 12	12,795 72	701 00
Wayne*.....	666 10	.....	666 10	.....
Wilkinson.....	3,375 74	.....	3,375 74	.....
Winston.....	2,120 98	.....	2,120 98	.....
Yalobusha.....	2,554 25	6,809 11	9,353 36	.....
Yazoo.....	7.000 00	13,000 00	20,000 00	.....

*Taken from report of 1877.

† No report.

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COUNTY.	No. of Acres of Land designated and set apart for school purposes.	No. of Acres of School land sold or rented.....	Aggregate am't of proceeds arising from sale or rent-al of school lands	Revenue from other funds.....	Revenue from other sources...
Adams				$ 189 71	$ 756 45
Alcorn					
Amite					
Attala					
Benton					
Bolivar					
Calhoun					1043 55
Carroll					
Chickasaw					
Choctaw					
Claiborne					
Clarke					952 55
Coahoma					268 05
Copiah					488 58
Covington					
Clay					3935 92
DeSoto				200 15	3494 15
Franklin				1255 81	108 46
Greene					84 52
Grenada					716 27
Hancock					
Harrison				56 23	730 78
Hinds				9000 00	
Holmes					
Issaquena					3141 76
Itawamba					3748 00
Jackson					508 64
Jasper					2627 00
Jefferson					2005 21
Jones					740 50
Kemper					
Lafayette				4581 14	4191 35
Lauderdale				2616 95	274 44
Lawrence					
Leake				800 00	400 00
Leflore				1754 66	268 90
Lee				7694 17	1388 20

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COUNTY.	No. of Acres of Land designated and set apart for school purposes.	No. of Acres of School land sold or rented.....	Aggregate am't of proceeds arising from sale or rental of school lands	Revenue from other funds.....	Revenue from other sources....
Lincoln	.....	.....	.....	262 83	152 60
Lowndes	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Madison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	.....	.....	.....	434 07	11237 34
Monroe	.....	.....	.....	4370 14	.....
Montgomery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Neshoba	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Noxubee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oktibbeha	.....	.....	.....	.....	527 55
Panola	.....	.....	.....	305 97	2824 60
Perry	.....	.....	.....	444 10	258 40
Pike	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pontotoc	.....	.....	.....	.....	1408 00
Prentiss	.....	.....	.....	2683 54	650 81
Quitman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rankin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scott	.....	.....	.....	2359 28	47 15
Sharkey*	.....	.....	.....	1200 00	853 39
Simpson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smith	.....	.....	.....	.....	239 90
Sumner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunflower	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tallahatchie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tippah	.....	.....	.....	2620 25	351 00
Tishomingo	.....	.....	.....	.....	8000 00
Tunica	.....	.....	.....	2450 92	.....
Tate	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Union	.....	.....	.....	2738 75	474 22
Warren	.....	.....	.....	.....	983 00
Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	1286 89
Wayne*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkinson	.....	.....	.....	550 00	265 00
Winston	.....	.....	.....	.....	458 58
Yalobusha	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yazoo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Taken from report of 1877.

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COUNTIES.	Increase of permanent fund during the y'r	Value of school sites, buildings and furniture.....	Value of library and apparatus.....
Adams	.....	$ 80,000 00	$ 1,200 00
Alcorn	.....	.....	.....
Amite	.....	300 00	.....
Attala	$100 00	4,000 00	.....
Benton	.....	2,500 00	.....
Bolivar	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun	.....	2,500 00	.....
Carroll	.....	.....	.....
Chickasaw	.....	.....	.....
Choctaw	.....	.....	.....
Claiborne	.....	15,000 00	50 00
Clarke	.....	.....	.....
Coahoma	.....	15,000 00	.....
Copiah	.....	3,800 00	.....
Covington	.....	.....	.....
Clay	.....	2,800 00	.....
DeSoto	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	.....	1,000 00	.....
Greene	.....	.....	.....
Grenada	.....	.....	.....
Hancock	.....	.....	.....
Harrison	.....	500 00	.....
Hinds	.....	25,000 00	.....
Holmes	.....	30,000 00	.....
Issaquena	.....	850 00	.....
Itawamba	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	.....	.....	.....
Jasper	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	.....	20,000 00	.....
Jones	.....	.....	.....
Kemper	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette	.....	.....	.....
Lauderdale	.....	.....	.....
Lawrence	.....	10,000 00	.....
Leake	75 00	.....	.....
Leflore	.....	.....	.....
Lee	.....	500 00	.....
Lincoln	.....	.....	.....
Lowndes	.....	10,200 00	.....

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COUNTIES.	Increase of permanent fund during the y'r	Value of school sites, buildings and furniture.....	Value of library and apparatus.....
Madison			
Marion			
Marshall		$ 6,000 00	
Monroe		20,000 00	
Montgomery		3,842 41	
Neshoba			
Newton		3,000 00	
Noxubee		4,000 00	
Oktibbeha			
Panola		10,000 00	
Perry			
Pike			
Pontotoc			
Prentiss			
Quitman			
Rankin			
Scott			
*Sharkey			
Simpson		1,200 00	
Smith		800 00	
Sumner		6,550 00	
Sunflower			
Tallahatchie			
Tippah		3,000 00	
Tishomingo			
Tunica	$ 1,279 06	5,000 00	
Tate			
Union			
Warren		36,000 00	
Washington	527 45	7,000 00	
*Wayne			
Wilkinson			
Winston			
Yalobusha		8,000 00	
Yazoo			

Taken from report of 1877.

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COUNTIES.	Salary of Superintendents.....	Total amount paid Teachers for Salaries.....	Miscella'us expense, includ's fuel, rent, lights, repairs and janitor's salary...
Adams	$600	$8,395 00	$ 634 64
Alcorn	200	8,836 15	.....
Amite	175	7,307 77	6 01
Attala	150	.....	175 00
Benton	105	6,560 03	.....
Bolivar	180	.....	.....
Calhoun	105	7,504 68	.....
Carroll	225	9,139 35	.....
Chickasaw	180	12,276 00	.....
Choctaw	105	2,594 74	.....
Claiborne	300	9,127 80	72 90
Clarke	120	3,965 25	143 23
Coahoma	180	8,565 00	.....
Copiah	180	16,144 07	.....
Covington	90	1,906 96	.....
Clay	165	7,895 72	94 16
DeSoto	180	12,780 02	12 50
Franklin	75	1,977 82	87 85
Greene	45	859 00	.....
Grenada	150	4,991 65	82 00
Hancock	75	852 64	.....
Harrison	75	1,813 60	16 00
Hinds	400	32,000 00	.....
Holmes	210	17,194 24	.....
Issaquena	170	2,592 75	1 65
Itawamba	105	7,350 33	.....
Jackson	75	1,385 95	.....
Jasper	100	3,756 73	.....
Jefferson	180	8,517 09	.....
Jones	60	1,792 47	.....
Kemper	120	6,292 51	.....
Lafayette	150	13,716 95	.....
Lauderdale	180	4,170 78	.....
Lawrence	90	3,044 00	.....
Leake	100	6,308 42	20 00
Leflore	250	3,615 90	318 80
Lee	120	16,353 66	.....

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COUNTIES.	Salary of Superintendents.....	Total amount paid Teachers for Salaries.....	Miscellaneous expense, includ's fuel, rent, lights, repairs and janitor's salary...
Lincoln	150	$6,734 55	.....
Lowndes	225	9,985 00	$ 849 59
Madison	210	15,700 00	.....
Marion	70	3,449 90	.....
Marshall	240	23,379 86	.....
Monroe	195	17,868 54	.....
Montgomery	150	7,004 79	.....
Neshoba	75	4,395 00	.....
Newton	75	2,492 99	.....
Noxubee	250	21,637 19	100 00
Oktibbeha	140	3,530 00	.....
Panola	225	21,137 04	.....
Perry	45	1,136 15	.....
Pike	120	688 53	112 80
Pontotoc	120	9,395 00	.....
Prentiss	105	11,146 14	550 00
Quitman	60	708 83	.....
Rankin	150	8,300 00	100 00
Scott	125	1,953 75	.....
Sharkey*	80	1,020 46	.....
Simpson	80	1,996 26	48 34
Smith	75	775 33	.....
Sumner	100	3,984 85	.....
Sunflower	90	.....	.....
Tallahatchie	150	5,975 56	.....
Tippah	115	7,913 50	450 00
Tishomingo	105	.....	.....
Tunica	120	4,360 00	47 78
Tate	140	11,844 60	.....
Union	105	9,634 24	.....
Warren	270	23,199 05	1987 20
Washington	350	11,873 00	266 80
Wayne*	60	540 00	.....
Wilkinson	221	3,418 47	.....
Winston	90	2,695 91	.....
Yalobusha	105	8,425 02	.....
Yazoo	240	16,00 000	.....

*Taken from report of 1877.

GENERAL STATISTICS of the Public Schools, State of Mississippi, for the year 1878.

COUNTIES.	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of Educable Children	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of pupils enrolled in Public Schools	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of average attendance in Public Schools
Adams	$ 1 18	$ 3 50	$ 3 70
Alcorn			
Amite	1 59	3 62	4 58
Attala			
Benton	2 16	3 08	5 37
Bolivar			
Calhoun	1 35	1 43	1 40
Carroll	1 54	1 78	4 15
Chickasaw			
Choctaw	93	1 44	1 84
Claiborne	1 70	3 28	4 78
Clarke	75		3 46
Coahoma	3 68	5 42	7 42
Copiah	1 95	3 26	4 46
Covington	1 01	1 69	2 32
Clay	1 62	1 75	3 56
DeSoto	1 83	3 23	5 55
Franklin	97	3 86	5 75
Greene	1 45	2 85	4 05
Grenada	1 37	1 51	2 22
Hancock	48	1 02	1 42
Harrison	1 00	3 44	6 45
Hinds	2 00	2 50	3 74
Holmes	2 17	4 21	4 94
Issaquena	1 09		
Itawamba	2 32	2 82	4 75
Jackson	56	2 81	4 52
Jasper	1 33	3 53	3 75
Jefferson	2 27	4 12	5 08
Jones	1 32		
Kemper	1 14	2 28	3 62
Lafayette	2 09	2 89	3 35
Lauderdale		76	90

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COUNTIES.	Expenditure in the year per capita, of Educable Children	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of pupils enrolled in Public Schools	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of average attendance in Public Schools
Lawrence	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 54
Leake	1 55	1 82	2 76
Leflore	1 85	5 27	6 72
Lee	3 58	4 29	5 04
Lincoln	1 72	4 17	5 50
Lowndes	1 18	2 64	3 85
Madison	2 25	4 15	5 50
Marion	1 28	2 55	4 19
Marshall	3 00	4 10	5 06
Monroe	1 38	3 20	4 45
Montgomery			
Neshoba	1 54	4 65	5 82
Newton	1 03	2 05	3 50
Noxubee	1 97	3 34	6 16
Oktibbeha			
Panola	2 34	3 48	4 35
Perry			
Pike	16	4 16	6 89
Pontotoc			
Prentiss			
Quitman			
Rankin	1 95	3 86	4 70
Scott	56	2 81	3 47
Sharkey*			
Simpson	76	2 25	2 52
Smith	1 33	5 32	5 32
Sumner	1 29	1 29	
Sunflower			
Tallahatchie	2 10	3 26	4 88
Tippah	1 97	2 30	4 50
Tishomingo			
Tunica	3 72	3 93	8 94
Tate	2 00	3 25	4 65

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Counties.	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of Educable Children	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of pupils enrolled in Public Schools	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of average attendance in Public Schools
Union	$ 1 19	$ 2 68	$ 4 40
Warren			
Washington	2 25	3 65	
Wayne*	50	2 62	3 37
Wilkinson	2 20		
Winston	79	2 83	3 49
Yalobusha	2 34	5 10	6 85
Yazoo	1 51	4 04	5 10

*Taken from report of 1877.

GENERAL STATISTICS of the Public Schools, State of Mississippi, for the year 1878.

COUNTIES.	Amount of Available School Fund...	Amount of Permanent fund (including portion not now available.....	Estimated real value of Sites, Buildings, and all other school property.....
Adams	$ 9,625 24	.....	$ 81,200 00
Alcorn	.....	.....	.....
Amite	.....	.....	.....
Attala	.....	.....	4,000 00
Benton	.....	.....	2,500 00
Bolivar	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun	.....	.....	2,500 00
Carroll	10,969 12	.....	.....
Chickasaw	.....	.....	.....
Choctaw	.....	.....	.....
Claiborne	3,113 91	$ 2,000 00	20,000 00
Clarke	.....	.....	.....
Coahoma	9,666 31	7,900 00	10,000 00
Copiah	.....	.....	3,800 00
Covington	.....	2,000 00	.....
Clay	.....	28,750 00	2,800 00
DeSoto	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	.....	.....	1,000 00
Greene	.....	.....	.....
Grenada	.....	.....	.....
Hancock	158 00	.....	.....
Harrison	854 15	.....	500 00
Hinds	20,000 00	.....	25,000 00
Holmes	2,580 75	.....	50,000 00
Issaquena	576 52	.....	850 00
Itawamba	8,750 00	.....	.....
Jackson	1,495 37	.....	.....
Jasper	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	11,342 00	11,250 00	20,000 00
Jones	732 98	.....	.....
Kemper	.....	1,294 00	.....
Lafayette	.....	.....	.....
Lauderdale	2,232 10	.....	.....
Lawrence	.....	.....	10,000 00
Leake	.....	.....	.....
Leflore	562 27	.....	6,000 00
Lee	.....	.....	500 00

GENERAL STATISTICS of the Public Schools, State of Mississippi, for the pear 1888.

COUNTIES.	Amount of Available School Fund..	Amount of Permanent Fund (including portion not now available).....	Estimated real value of Sites, Buildings, and all other school property.....
Lincoln	.....	.....	.....
Lowndes	.....	.....	.....
Madison	$15,000 00	$ 7,000 00	.....
Marion	217 15	.....	.....
Marshall	30,049 87	.....	$ 30,000 00
Monroe	20,570 14	.....	20,000 00
Montgomery	.....	.....	.....
Neshoba	4,470 00	.....	.....
Newton	.....	.....	.....
Noxubee	22,400 38	.....	4,000 00
Oktibbeha	8,000 00	.....	.....
Panola	.....	.....	15,000 00
Perry	550 55	.....	.....
Pike	.....	.....	.....
Pontotoc	.....	.....	.....
Prentiss	.....	.....	.....
Quitman	.....	.....	.....
Rankin	.....	.....	7,000 00
Scott	5,715 37	4,632 71	.....
Sharkey	.....	.....	.....
Simpson	.....	959 93	.....
Smith	1,500 00	.....	800 00
Sumner	3,984 85	.....	6,550 00
Sunflower	.....	.....	.....
Tallahatchie	.....	3,000 00	.....
Tippah	.....	.....	3,000 00
Tishomingo	.....	.....	.....
Tunica	9,426 42	15,977 17	5,000 00
Tate	.....	.....	.....
Union	9,739 22	.....	.....
Warren	.....	.....	.....
Washington	.....	5,156 42	30,000 00
Wayne	.....	.....	.....
Wilkinson	.....	.....	.....
Winston	.....	.....	.....
Yalobusha	13,000 00	9,353 30	8,000 00
Yazoo	.....	.....	2,000 00

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1879.

NUMBER of Educable Children in the State.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams	818	798	1616	3490	3001	6491
Alcorn			3138			1047
Amite			*2063			*2848
Attala			3485			2903
Benton	920	714	1634	750	702	1452
Bolivar	86	81	167	519	485	1004
Calhoun	2025	2025	4050	517	517	1034
Carroll			2697			3047
Chickasaw	1260	1122	2382	1543	1835	2928
Choctaw			2063			709
Claiborne	668	596	1264	2193	2096	4289
Clarke	1763	1847	3610	1569	1621	3190
Coahoma	197	176	373	1250	972	2222
Copiah	2237	2137	4374	2163	4163	6326
Covington	712	620	1332	301	252	553
Clay	852	868	1720	1620	1690	3310
DeSoto	1500	1150	2650	2650	2200	4850
Franklin	672	533	1205	535	444	979
Greene			584			149
Grenada			1535			3071
Hancock			1449			429
Harrison	945	892	1837	353	229	582
Hinds	1847	1655	3502	4558	3971	8529
Holmes			2640			5280
Issaquena	52	55	107	781	687	1468
Itawamba	1497	1351	2848	138	101	239
Jackson	966	906	1872	367	369	736
Jasper	1006	1015	2021	739	738	1477
Jefferson	553	527	1090	1494	1254	2748
Jones	658	584	1242	48	58	106
Kemper	1364	1241	2605	1527	1373	2900
Lafayette	1858	1767	3625	1463	1584	3047
Lauderdale	3421	3157	6578	3267	3311	6578
Lawrence	1226	816	2042	816	554	1370
Leake	1454	1227	2681	847	658	1505
Leflore	390	335	725	1550	1210	2760
Lee	2370	1991	4361	1436	1207	2643
Lincoln	1269	1095	2364	824	800	1624
Lowndes	775	767	1542	3803	3143	6946
Madison	806	880	1686	2673	2813	5486
Marion	733	641	1374	321	370	691
Marshall	2019	1973	3992	3084	2924	6008
Monroe			4400			8832

NUMBER of Educable Children in the State.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Montgomery..	1372	1179	2551	1114	937	2051
Neshoba.....	1187	1076	2263	344	280	624
Newton			2500			1040
Noxubee	1051	990	2040	5627	4621	10248
Oktibbeha.. ..	964	860	1824	2069	1878	3947
Panola.....			3116			5535
Perry.....	459	395	854	178	157	335
Pike.....	1705	1416	3121	1323	1190	2413
Pontotoc	1399	1496	2895	678	464	1142
†Prentiss	1620	1570	3190	331	310	641
Quitman.....			166			156
Rankin			2110			2264
Scott	1140	1046	2186	755	719	1474
Sharkey.....			*329			*1371
Simpson.....			1548			864
Smith.....	1132	927	2059	293	210	503
Sumner.....	1235	1254	2479	360	366	726
Sunflower.....	180	198	378	410	333	743
Tallahatchie ..	750	674	1424	1017	817	1834
Tippah.....	1819	1623	3442	418	396	814
Tishomingo ..	1291	1304	2595	82	68	150
Tunica.....	149	101	250	927	780	1707
Tate.....	1539	1310	2849	1631	1437	3068
Union.....	1680	1440	3120	738	578	1316
Warren			4854			6451
Washington...			1043			6900
†Wayne	496	496	992	385	386	771
Wilkinson....	507	531	1037	2402	2239	4641
Winston	1132	1000	2132	721	627	1348
Yalobusha. ...	1113	917	2032	897	747	1644
Yazoo.....			3380			7349
Total.....			156,434			205,936

*Figures taken from report of 1878.
†Taken from report of 1878.

NUMBER in Schools during the Year.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams	196	218	414	1230	1270	2500
Alcorn	1432	1132	2564	448	455	903
Amite.....	684	661	1345	715	707	1422
Attala.....	1456	1397	2853	824	884	1708
Benton	873	715	1588	649	513	1162
Bolivar.....	86	81	167	519	485	1004
Calhoun	1600	1600	3200	400	400	800
Carroll.....	1012	825	1837	896	977	1873
Chickasaw....	917	793	1710	1119	1084	2203
Choctaw.....			1696			485
Claiborne.....	301	279	580	843	869	1712
Clarke.....	526	564	1090	303	335	638
Coahoma	165	157	322	772	705	1477
Copiah	1335	1250	2585	1230	1185	2415
Covington	501	441	942	181	139	320
Clay.....	812	832	1644	1522	1536	3058
DeSoto.....	1024	795	1819	1704	1576	3280
Franklin.....	286	266	556	194	205	399
Greene.....	114	84	198	35	39	74
Grenada.....			989			1979
Hancock.....	401	293	694	167	156	323
Harrison.....	455	359	814	156	135	291
Hinds.....	1920	1755	3675	4645	3890	8535
Holmes.....	490	560	1050	2016	2184	4200
Issaquena.....	25	27	52	550	453	1003
Itawamba.....	1449	1167	2616	198	157	355
Jackson	201	189	390	57	67	124
Jasper.....	279	266	545	294	273	567
Jefferson.....	369	364	733	964	940	1904
Jones.....	556	509	1065	12	10	22
Kemper	813	739	1552	658	677	1335
Lafayette.....	1280	1257	2537	1024	1146	2170
Lauderdale....	2499	2235	4734	1276	1391	2667
Lawrence	612	408	1020	508	272	780
Leake.....	1420	1131	2551	822	691	1513
Leflore.....	174	170	344	647	584	1231
Lee	1550	1345	2895	754	709	1463
Lincoln.....	624	546	1170	331	339	670
Lowndes	615	600	1215	1479	1397	2876
Madison.....	568	527	1095	1172	1284	2456
Marion.....	357	300	657	98	96	194
Marshall.....	1494	1356	2850	2139	1950	4089
Monroe.....			2130			4370
Montgomery..	800	785	1585	600	575	1175

NUMBER in Schools during the Year.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Neshoba			*1048			89
Newton.....	910	714	1624	173	179	352
Noxubee	612	632	1244	3241	2902	6143
Oktibbeha	321	317	638	303	280	583
Panola.....	1599	1678	3277	2370	2389	4759
Perry	316	240	556	48	38	86
Pike.....	810	749	1559	475	471	946
Pontotoc	910	863	1773	370	325	675
†Prentiss	1490	1421	2911	290	257	547
Quitman			*97			*133
Rankin.....	854	795	1649	840	918	1758
Scott.....	445	488	933	183	215	398
Sharkey.....			148			646
Simpson.....	635	503	1138	168	167	355
Smith.....	426	359	785	19	27	46
Sumner.....	1028	1106	2134	320	342	662
Sunflower			*200			*605
Tallahatchie ..	516	399	915	790	714	1504
Tippah.....	1761	1538	3299	397	389	786
Tishomingo ..	970	803	1773	116	98	214
Tunica.....			*111			*1342
Tate	1217	1027	2244	987	876	1763
Union	1479	1371	2850	493	457	950
Warren.....	505	561	1066	1431	1531	2962
Washington...	216	184	400	1900	1750	3650
†Wayne.	357	342	669	291	298	589
Wilkinson	286	257	543	664	612	1276
Winston.....	544	470	1014	326	317	643
Yalobusha.....	886	714	1600	690	571	1261
Yazoo.....	731	700	1431	2088	2000	4088
Totals.....	.....	.....	105,957	.....	.....	111,796

*Figures taken from report for 1878.
†Taken from Report of 1878.

AVERAGE Monthly Enrollment.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams	196	218	414	1230	1270	2500
Alcorn			1202			500
Amite	669	623	1292	701	698	1399
Attala			1569			708
Benton	679	523	1202	486	384	870
Bolivar	86	81	167	519	485	1004
Calhoun	400	400	800	100	100	200
Carroll	266	206	472	226	244	470
Chickasaw	892	766	1658	1057	1041	2098
Choctaw			1386			291
Claiborne	278	252	530	782	790	1571
Clarke			*2637			*2972
Coahoma	125	132	257	704	660	1364
Copiah	1305	1215	2520	1200	1165	2365
Covington	329	338	677	170	126	296
Clay	702	604	1366	1042	1006	2048
DeSoto	204	158	362	341	315	656
Franklin	248	241	489	171	178	349
Greene	64	56	120	29	37	66
Grenada			501			1002
Hancock	375	270	645	165	127	292
Harrison	421	331	752	147	123	270
Hinds	1917	1750	3667	4620	3780	8400
Holmes			*1380			*1420
Issaquena	25	27	52	113	137	255
Itawamba	1226	808	2034	165	121	286
Jackson	189	174	363	47	57	104
Jasper	251	184	435	243	222	465
Jefferson	331	341	672	865	840	1705
Jones			*561			*18
Kemper	694	659	1353	563	600	1163
Lafayette	1048	1018	2066	923	1126	2049
Lauderdale	2362	2423	4785	1314	1383	2697
Lawrence	800	620	1420	620	550	1170
Leake	1223	1004	2347	745	649	1394
Leflore	139	136	275	518	468	986
Lee	1550	1345	2895	754	709	1463
Lincoln	459	411	850	231	238	469
Lowndes	565	561	1126	1200	1135	2344
Madison			*1152			*2817
Marion	288	254	542	93	82	175
Marshall			*1899			*2559
Monroe			*1675			*3150

AVERAGE Monthly Enrollment.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Montgomery..	680	640	1320	630	590	1220
Neshoba.....			*900			*115
Newton.....	606	648	1338	128	138	266
Noxubee.....	554	472	1026	2460	2205	4765
Oktibbeha	275	270	545	266	249	514
Panola.....	986	1001	1987	1469	1625	3094
Perry.....	285	236	521	43	35	78
Pike.....	723	690	1413	436	415	851
Pontotoc.....			*1543			*805
†Prentiss	1203	1115	2318	260	241	501
Quitman.....			*88			*123
Rankin.....	650	623	1273	671	749	1420
Scott.....	456	488	944	184	215	399
Sharkey.....			*104			*412
Simpson.....	525	421	944	138	135	273
Smith	426	359	785	19	29	46
Sumner	1028	1106	2134	320	342	662
Sunflower.....			*182			*556
Tallahatchie...	399	309	708	642	397	1039
Tippah.....	1612	1349	2961	373	357	730
Tishomingo...	870	731	1601	65	93	158
Tunica.....			*23			*724
Tate.....	956	894	1850	785	756	1541
Union.....	1625	1100	2725	534	550	1084
Warren	434	489	923	1122	1300	2422
Washington...			*277			*2036
†Wayne	301	298	599	296	252	528
Wilkinson ...	274	248	522	612	559	1171
Winston.....	594	594	1188	312	312	624
Yalobusha....	698	540	1238	600	584	1184
Yazoo.....	731	700	1431	1088	2000	4088
Total.....	.....	.....	88,750	.....	.....	.....

*Figures taken from report for 1878.
†Taken from report of 1878.

AVERAGE Daily Attendance.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Feuale*	*Total.*
Adams.....	171	188	359	1032	1064	2096
Alcorn.....			745			327
Amite.....	390	434	824	470	509	979
Attala.....			1075			591
Benton	405	273	678	375	317	692
Bolivar.....	86	81	167	519	485	1004
Calhoun	600	600	1200	180	180	360
Carroll.....	801	587	1388	440	492	932
Chickasaw	703	560	1163	784	778	1565
Choctaw.....			973			195
Claiborne.....	223	203	426	624	615	1239
Clarke	421	451	872	243	268	511
Coahoma. ...	94	102	196	493	470	963
Copiah	1000	912	1912	876	863	1739
Covington.....	289	246	535	120	99	219
Clay.....	463	471	934	702	678	1380
DeSoto.....	120	106	226	196	185	381
Franklin	192	171	363	144	139	286
Greene			*134			*100
Grenada.....			385			772
Hancock.....	325	128	453	110		110
Harrison	279	226	505	126	88	214
Hinds	1600	1465	3065	3727	3120	6847
Holmes.....			*1100			*1060
Issaquena			*42			*567
Itawamba	1031	656	1687	138	101	239
Jackson.....	173	162	335	43	54	97
Jasper..... ...	416	320	736	182	168	350
Jefferson.....	264	286	550	729	724	1453
Jones.....			*483			*14
Kemper..... ...	504	495	999	461	360	821
Lafayette.....	865	752	1617	726	793	1519
Lauderdale.. .	1836	1918	3754	1206	1250	2456
Lawrence.....	612	408	1020	508	272	780
Leake.....			*1435			*926
Leflore.....	134	133	267	453	495	948
Lee	1090	992	2082	687	600	1293
Lincoln.....	328	288	616	183	191	374
Lowndes..	420	350	770	870	854	1724
Madison.....			*925			*2013
Marion.....	234	191	425	59	56	115
Marshall			*1900			*2720
Monroe.... ..			*1200			*2301

AVERAGE Daily Attendance.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Montgomery..	500	466	1066	380	345	725
Neshoba.....			*808			*103
Newton.....	470	579	1049	106	113	219
Noxubee.....	473	349	786	1673	1568	3241
Oktibbeha	208	208	516	275	263	535
Panola	721	812	1533	1165	1206	2371
Perry.....	217	193	410	21	33	54
Pike....	569	561	1130	323	366	699
Pontotoc.....			*1243			*743
†Prentiss	981	932	1913	225	216	441
Quitman			*72			*104
Rankin.....	487	480	967	512	584	1096
Scott.....	342	344	686	135	146	281
Sharkey			65			56
Simpson.....	387	308	695	100	98	198
Smith.....	384	324	708	18	25	43
Sumner.....	842	920	1762	298	306	604
Sunflower.....			*153			*478
Tallahatchie...	339	271	610	265	506	1071
Tippah.....	1117	967	2184	275	256	531
Tishomingo...	582	447	1029	77	66	143
Tunica			*48			*468
Tate	824	754	1578	723	648	1371
Union.....	1275	872	2047	425	436	861
Warren.....	374	422	796	1060	1150	2210
Washington...	174	150	324	1400	1213	2613
†Wayne.....	193	197	390	172	186	358
Wilkinson	205	215	420	556	437	993
Winston.....	478	445	923	192	184	376
Yalobusha....	614	504	1118	580	527	1107
Yazoo.....	500	401	901	1500	1420	2920
Totals....	.....	.....	66,381	.....	.....	72,592

* Figures taken from report for 1878.
† Taken from report of 1878.

NUMBER of Teachers Employed in the Public Schools during the Year.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Adams.....	9	22	31	15	50	65
Alcorn.....	58	16	74	9	6	15
Amite.....	44	14	58	19	2	21
Attala.....	43	30	73	25	6	31
Benton.....	39	19	58	19	9	28
Bolivar.....	4	8	12	17	3	20
Calhoun.....	28	22	50	13	7	20
Carroll.....	32	25	57	34	5	39
Chickasaw....	29	36	65	47	19	66
Choctaw.....	24	9	33	5	0	5
Claiborne.....	19	25	44	12	14	26
Clarke.....	17	13	30	7	8	15
Coahoma.....	6	16	22	21	3	24
Copiah.....	37	44	81	30	4	34
Covington.....	27	4	31	4	3	7
Clay.....	18	21	39	44	14	58
DeSoto.....	27	30	57	45	27	72
Franklin.....	12	6	18	4	4	8
Greene.....	6	1	7	2	0	2
Grenada.....	..	..	41	..	..	32
Hancock.....	10	12	22	3	4	7
Harrison.....	17	4	21	9	0	9
Hinds.....	45	47	92	62	50	112
Holmes.....	29	22	51	27	18	45
Issaquena.....	2	1	3	11	4	15
Itawamba.....	56	12	68	4	2	6
Jackson.....	7	4	11	3	0	3
Jasper.....	27	5	32	11	3	14
Jefferson.....	17	14	31	19	34	53
Jones.....	22	3	25	1	0	1
Kemper.....	30	23	53	13	2	15
Lafayette.....	39	40	79	28	6	34
Lauderdale...	19	7	26	10	2	12
Lawrence.....	32	15	47	5	2	7
Leake.....	47	30	77	26	3	29
Leflore.....	6	8	14	15	0	15
Lee.....	46	44	90	25	16	41
Lincoln.....	35	16	51	16	10	26
Lowndes.....	9	26	35	24	12	36
Madison.....	20	13	33	20	17	37
Marion.....	17	1	18	4	0	4
Marshall.....	37	50	87	42	29	71

NUMBER of Teachers Employed in the Public Schools during the Year.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	*Female*	*Total.*	*Male.*	*Female*	*Total.*
Monroe	38	47	85	58	34	92
Montgomery ..	42	12	54	22	7	29
Neshoba.....	25	15	40	9	0	9
Newton.....	29	12	41	5	2	7
Noxubee.....	31	30	61	36	26	62
Oktibbeha.....	8	8	16	11	2	13
Panola	27	48	75	72	63	135
Perry.....	12	6	18	3	0	3
Pike.....	19	24	43	17	7	24
Pontotoc	46	19	65	21	4	25
†Prentiss.....	54	17	71	12	4	16
Quitman.....	1	2	3	2	2	4
Rankin.....	28	27	45	25	12	37
Scott	14	11	25	5	0	8
Sharkey	..	..	4	..	..	10
Simpson	24	14	38	4	0	4
Smith.....	15	5	20	2	0	2
Sumner.....	19	21	40	11	9	20
Sunflower.....	..	..	*12	..	..	*7
Tallahatchie...	27	15	42	16	10	26
Tippah	44	27	71	13	6	19
Tishomingo ...	60	18	78	5	3	8
Tunica	8	7	15	17	9	26
Tate.....	27	42	69	37	13	50
Union.....	31	24	55	16	3	19
Warren.....	11	24	35	27	39	66
Washington...	9	7	16	51	10	61
†Wayne.....	17	6	23	6	2	8
Wilkinson	5	25	30	19	4	23
Winston	24	12	36	11	1	12
Yalobusha....	23	18	41	22	12	34
Yazoo.....	20	31	51	60	13	23
Totals.....		3,255				2,112

* Figures taken from report for 1878.
† Taken from report of 1878.

AVERAGE Number of Days Taught, and Total Receipts and Expenditures.

COUNTIES.	IN THE COUNTRY.	IN CITIES.	TOTAL RECEIPS.	TOTAL EXPENDIT'RES.
Adams	80	180	$ 13,474 60	$ 13,474 60
Alcorn	80	100	7,536 92	7,233 20
Amite	76		8,840 37	9,150 95
Attala	80	160	10,000 00	12,821 54
Benton	80		6,052 53	6,182 08
Bolivar	65		2,862 95	2,287 42
Calhoun	68		6,983 20	8,325 71
Carroll	72		10,812 79	11,142 56
Chickasaw	70		12,430 00	12,430 00
Choctaw	35		3,300 88	3,300 88
Claiborne	98		13,311 31	9,772 67
Clarke	80		4,184 9:	4,184 92
Coahoma	100		9,336 06	8,239 65
Copiah	80	160	17,200 00	17,290 23
Covington	51		1,600 00	2,659 54
Clay	78		6,295 39	8,321 00
DeSoto	96		14,403 09	15,749 93
Franklin	80		3,088 74	3,088 74
Greene	*74		996 22	823 82
Grenada	67	80	7,048 52	6,664 80
Hancock	40		3,866 36	1,614 88
Harrison	77		3,272 82	3,153 66
Hinds	80	140	26,696 00	26,896 00
Holmes	80		23,014 40	12,616 44
Issaquena	80		2,189 09	2,774 21
Itawamba	80		8,538 87	6,998 91
Jackson	100		1,598 19	2,000 00
Jasper	80		3,346 93	5,304 97
Jefferson	80		7,237 20	11,778 17
Jones	80		2,300 00	2,660 00
Kemper	67		5,177 57	6,766 35
Lafayette	95		17,761 75	17,011 75
Lauderdale	80		7,764 70	5,790 22
Lawrence	60		3,766 00	3,540 00
Leake	80		6,812 20	8,351 89
Leflore	65		3,694 69	4,457 49
Lee	29		12,592 29	16,375 60
Lincoln	72		5,503 74	6,412 53
Lowndes	80	180	15,705 43	13,415 41
Madison	100		13,000 00	12,410 00
Marion	57		2,019 20	1,468 72
Marshall	99		28,206 80	26,420 07
Monroe	80		16,093 62	20,470 61
Montgomery	78		8,950 90	9,248 00

AVERAGE Number of Days Taught, and Total Receipts and Expenditures.

COUNTIES.	IN THE COUNTRY.	IN CITIES.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	TOTAL EXPENDIT'RES
Neshoba	*75		2,389 01	4,739 75
Newton	80		4,934 62	4,933 62
Noxubee	95		19,699 41	18,557 33
Oktibbeha	80		3,601 00	2,969 80
Panola	100		26,922 90	22,172 82
Perry	80		1,709 83	1,375 80
Pike	79	80	9,263 40	9,536 76
Pontotoc	78		9,447 38	10,039 45
Prentiss	100		9,660 07	10,286 50
Quitman	80		152 00	786 37
Rankin	80		9,762 59	9,769 69
Scott	80		4,042 45	4,362 39
Sharkey	69		2,000 00	2,000 00
Simpson	75		4,080 76	3,772 29
Smith	80		2,280 78	2,522 92
Sumner	48		4,450 00	4,450 00
Sunflower	*80		*703 86	*1,577 00
Tallahatchie	70		8,690 44	6,991 07
Tippah	80		11,854 73	10,197 89
Tishomingo	100		6,925 00	8,133 19
Tunica	*92		*5,806 84	*4,527 18
Tate	92		12,061 56	14,604 14
Union	80		8,932 07	10,211 88
Warren	80	195	21,105 58	22,144 66
Washington	95		15,929 37	11,846 58
Wayne	80		1,420 51	1,420 51
Wilkinson	80		6,946 34	6,286 84
Winston	77		3,429 26	4,955 90
Yalobusha	100		8,881 14	7,466 09
Yozoo	80		20,997 61	20,021 00
Totals	77½	130	$ 639,915 45	$ 641,548 56

* Figures taken from report for 1878.
† Taken from report 1878.

AVERAGE Salary Paid Teachers.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.	COLORED.
Adams	$ 30 00	$ 32 00
Alcorn	23 85	22 32
Amite	28 40	28 40
Attala	30 55	26 67
Benton	22 40	19 77
Bolivar	14 10	21 00
Calhoun	30 00	20 00
Carroll	32 48	32 48
Chickasaw	27 85	23 92
Choctaw	30 22	30 22
Claiborne	25 81	29 52
Clarke	32 50	25 00
Coahoma	40 00	45 43
Copiah	37 80	33 00
Covington	22 98	26 78
Clay	25 27	19 64
DeSoto	30 00	26 00
Franklin	28 89	27 73
Greene	20 81	26 50
Grenada	26 00	26 00
Hancock	27 00	27 00
Harrison	32 00	32 00
Hinds	30 00	30 00
Holmes	34 61	31 11
Issaquena	35 00	36 89
Itawamba	25 44	24 60
Jackson	27 50	30 80
Jasper	30 00	41 50
Jefferson	37 25	32 91
Jones	24 50	24 50
Kemper	23 24	24 97
Lafayette	30 61	29 74
Lauderdale	36 55	35 54
Lawrence	30 00	20 00
Leake	*25 23	*25 23
Leflore	37 21	38 41
Lee	30 90	27 52
Lincoln	28 10	25 22
Lowndes	40 07	30 35
Madison	22 50	28 50
Marion	26 63	23 80
Marshall	37 00	33 00
Monroe	20 50	28 53

AVERAGE Salary Paid Teachers.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.	COLORED.
Montgomery	$ 33 00	$ 27 00
Neshoba	*16 04	*16 04
Newton	32 27	29 03
Noxubee	31 49	30 12
Oktibbeha	27 00	24 46
Panola	30 87	25 39
Perry	*25 00	*25 00
Pike	35 37	36 46
Pontotoc	29 80	25 37
†Prentiss	24 60	24 69
Quitman	25 92	25 92
Rankin	28 56	26 34
Scott	31 29	30 77
Sharkey	43 50	23 30
Simpson	32 80	22 40
Smith	25 45	16 00
Sumner	48 50	28 30
Sunflower	*35 00	*35 00
Tallahatcie	28 07	31 16
Tippah	29 08	22 66
Tishomingo	23 34	21 33
Tunica	36 00	36 00
Tate	38 00	29 50
Union	29 52	16 44
Warren	34 44	32 35
Washington	30 00	34 33
†Wayne	*15 00	15 00
Wilkinson	22 12	35 13
Winston	20 16	26 71
Yalobusha	23 44	17 37
Yazoo	38 11	36 30

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COUNTIES.	From State Tax.	From County Tax	Total from Taxation.	Interest on permanent fund including rents from school lands.....
Adams.....	$ 3,964 50	$ 7,471 10	$ 11,435 60	.....
Alcorn.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 2,215 00
Amite	2,251 64	6,588 73	8,840 39	.....
Attala.....	2,131 86	9,500 00	11,631 86	.....
Benton.....	.....	1,275 00	1,275 00	2,600 00
Bolivar.....	631 00	2,231 95	2,862 95	.....
Calhoun.....	3,413 20	1,900 00	5,313 20	.....
Carroll.....	2,457 48	8,355 31	10,812 79	.....
Chickasaw.....	7,630 00	4,800 00	12,430 00	.....
Choctaw.....	1,336 41	1,767 91	3,300 88	.....
Claiborne.....	2,959 91	6,051 51	9,011 42	160 00
Clarke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coahoma.....	2,948 80	4,564 62	7,513 42	.....
Copiah.....	9,700 00	7,600 00	17,300 00	.....
Covington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay.....	1,700 00	102 50	1,802 50	2,257 38
De Soto	3,391 54	7,819 23	11,209 77	.....
Franklin.....	1,025 00	950 00	1,975 00	.....
Greene.....	.....	506 80	506 80	.....
Grenada.....	2,154 14	4,069 83	6,223 97	455 00
Hancock.....	878 09	2,988 27	3,866 36	.....
Harrison.....	1,165 12	1,139 70	2,304 82	.....
Hinds.....	9,880 00	12,246 00	22,126 00	1,370 00
Holmes.....	3,026 21	11,614 65	14,640 86	487 40
Issaquena.....	730 44	1,046 03	1,776 47	.....
Itawamba.....	1,397 40	2,391 83	4,789 23	3,749 64
Jackson.....	607 14	.....	607 14	.....
Jasper.....	1,496 95	.....	1,496 95	.....
Jefferson	1,582 54	3,625 41	5,207 95	1,000 00
Jones.....	550 00	1,000 00	1,550 00	.....
Kemper.....	2,491 62	2,050 00	4,541 62	.....
Lafayette.....	2,717 50	9,531 25	12,248 75	4,581 14
Lauderdale.....	3,200 06	2,156 25	5,356 31	.....
Lawrence.....	1,085 00	1,369 00	2,454 00	.....
Leake	1,950 63	1,865 85	5,455 31	1,008 81
Leflore.....	516 01	2,413 29	2,929 30	.....
Lee.....	2,013 54	6,671 88	8,685 42	.....
Lincoln.....	2,454 60	2,724 14	5,174 14	25 00

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COUNTIES.	From State Tax.	From County Tax	Total from Taxation.	Interest on permanent fund, including rents from school lands.....
Lowndes.....	$ 6,815 86	$ 5,991 02	$ 12,706 88	2,398 55
Madison.....	3,500 00	8,500 00	12,000 00	1,000 00
Marion.....	984 05	300 00	1,296 05	.....
Marshall.....	1,384 56	8,860 02	10,190 58	.....
Monroe.....	6,283 58	7,271 94	13,555 52	.....
Montgomery...	2,112 40	6,838 50	8,950 90	.....
Neshoba.....	1,076 45	900 31	1,936 76	79 85
Newton.....	1,714 86	1,429 75	3,144 61	.....
Noxubee.....	5,200 00	14,499 41	19,699 41	.....
Oktibbeha.....	2,228 00	1,022 64	3,251 10	350 00
Panola.....	4,756 52	12,169 04	16,925 56	6,583 65
Perry.....	1,127 92	167 52	1,295 44	.....
Pike.....	2,799 99	3,570 02	7,368 01	.....
Pontotoc.....	1,855 65	.....	3,906 00	600 00
Prentiss.....	1,546 41	4,500 00	6,046 51	2,755 34
Quitman.....	.....	102 00	102 00	.....
Rankin.....	6,839 75	2,762 84	9,602 59	.....
Scott.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	275 00
Sharkey*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Simpson.....	1,173 70	2,337 45	3,511 03	76 23
Smith.....	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Sumner.....	.....	1,750 00	1,750 00	.....
†Sunflower.....	601 92	.....	.....	.....
Tallahatchie....	736 56	5,133 88	6,870 44	450 00
Tippah.....	1,556 84	517 18	2,184 02	3,633 74
Tishomingo.. .	4,000 00	2,865 00	6,865 00	60 00
Tunica.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tate.....	966 50	7,500 00	8,466 70	.....
Union.....	1,500 00	2,000 00	3,500 00	3,131 48
Warren.....	.....	11,700 00	11,700 00	600 00
Washington....	5,345 54	9,002 39	14,447 41	850 00
Wayne*.....	694 71	.....	600 00	.....
Wilkinson.....	2,906 43	3,200 00	6,106 43	.....
Winston.....	1,693 11	2,565 29	4,258 40	.....
Yalobusha.....	2,561 02	4,647 80	7,208 82	.....
Yazoo.....	4,250 50	12,656 18	16,816 68	.....

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COUNTY.	No. of Acres of Land designated and set apart for school purposes.	No. of Acres of School land sold or rented.....	Aggregate am't of proceeds arising from sale or rental of school lands	Revenue from other funds.....	Revenue from other sources...
Adams.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1068 00
Alcorn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5326 12
Amite.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Attala.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benton.....	.....	.....	.....	$1317 53	860 00
Bolivar.....	.....	1280	$ 100 00	.....	.....
Calhoun.....	20	.....	.....	.....	1670 00
Carroll.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chickasaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Choctaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Claiborne.....	635	635	.....	.....	4139 89
Clarke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coahoma.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Copiah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Covington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2235 51
DeSoto.....	.....	.....	.....	3194 32	.....
Franklin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1113 74
Greene.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	367 56
Grenada.....	1100	.....	.....	.....	368 55
Hancock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrison.....	2240	3200	.....	.....	58 37
Hinds.....	1200	1400	3200 00	.....	9800 00
Holmes.....	4540	250	487 40	.....	869 86
Issaquena.....	.....	.....	.....	165 00	247 51
Itawamba.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....	.....	.....	990 95	.....
Jasper.....	.....	.....	.....	1664 16	185 82
Jefferson.....	820	820	400 00	1295 05	739 25
Jones.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	750 00
Kemper.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	635 95
Lafayette.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	931 86
Lauderdale.....	.....	.....	.....	2232 10	176 29
Lawrence.....	.....	.....	.....	1312 00	.....
Leake.....	10240	7800	.....	1987 18	.....
Leflore.....	5677	.....	.....	.....	765 39
Lee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3811 87

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COUNTY.	No. of Acres of Land designated and set apart for school purposes.	No. of Acres of School land sold or rented.....	Aggregate am't of proceeds arising from sale or rental of school lands	Revenue from other funds.....	Revenue from other sources....
Lincoln	20	20	$ 25 00	.....	300 00
Lowndes	.....	.....	2398 55	$ 300 00	.....
Madison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion	.....	.....	.....	.....	738 15
Marshall	.....	.....	.....	13,812 32	4204 00
Monroe	1400	.....	.....	2538 10	.....
Montgomery	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Neshoba	.....	1190	56 80	.....	452 25
Newton	.....	.....	.....	.....	1790 01
Noxubee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oktibbeha	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Panola	.....	.....	125 74	.....	3295 15
Perry	.....	.....	.....	414 39	.....
Pike	.....	.....	.....	397 00	1498 40
Pontotoc	.....	.....	.....	3085 72	.....
Prentiss	.....	.....	.....	235 97	832 15
Quitman	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Rankin	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
Scott	.....	.....	.....	955 50	.....
Sharkey*	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Simpson	.....	.....	.....	.....	503 41
Smith	1500	.....	1280 78	.....	.....
Sumner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunflower	11,938	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tallahatchie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tippah	.....	.....	.....	715 60	5420 47
Tishomingo	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....
Tunica	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tate	.....	.....	.....	3595 06	.....
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	1875 59
Warren	600	.....	.....	.....	8805 58
Washington	.....	1424	200 00	432 04	400 00
Wayne*	6080	160	16 00	577 80	208 00
Wilkinson	.....	.....	.....	.....	839 91
Winston	.....	.....	.....	1165 89	.....
Yalobusha	.....	.....	.....	1678 32	.....
Yazoo	.....	.....	2450 93	.....	640 00

*Taken from report of 1877.

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COUNTIES.	Increase of permanent fund during the y'r	Value of school sites, buildings and furniture.....	Value of library and apparatus.....
Adams		$ 80,000 00	$ 1,200 00
Alcorn			
Amite			
Attala		6,000 00	
Benton		2,500 00	
Bolivar	$100 00		
Calhoun		3,000 00	
Carroll			
Chickasaw			
Choctaw			
Claiborne		15,000 00	50 50
Clarke			
Coahoma		14,000 00	
Copiah		4,800 00	
Covington			
Clay		2,800 00	
DeSoto			
Franklin		1,000 00	
Greene			
Grenada			
Hancock			
Harrison		150 00	
Hinds		27,000 00	
Holmes		12,000 00	
Issaquena		250 00	
Itawamba			
Jackson			
Jasper			
Jefferson		15,000 00	
Jones			
Kemper			
Lafayette			
Lauderdale			
Lawrence		5,000 00	1,000 00
Leake			
Leflore		1,000 00	
Lee		500 00	
Lincoln			
Lowndes		16,000 00	

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COUNTIES..	Increase of permanent fund during the y'r	Value of school sites, buildings and furniture.....	Value of library and apparatus.....
Madison			
Marion		$ 6,000 00	
Marshall		20,000 00	
Monroe		4,000 00	
Montgomery	$ 56 80	5,000 00	$ 700 00
Neshoba		3,000 00	
Newton		4,000 00	
Noxubee			
Oktibbeha		18,000 00	
Panola			
Perry			
Pike			
Pontotoc			
Prentiss			
Quitman			
Rankin			
Scott			
Sharkey			
Simpson		800 00	
Smith		500 00	200 00
Sumner			
Sunflower			
Tallahatchie		20,000 00	2,000 00
Tippah		575 00	
Tishomingo			
Tunica			
Tate		36,000 00	
Union	600 00	7,000 00	
Warren			
Washington		250 00	
Wayne			
Wilkinson			
Winston		8,000 00	
Yalobusha		10,000 00	
Yazoo			

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COUNTIES.	Salary of Superintendents.....	Total amount paid Teachers for Salaries.....	Miscella'us expense, includ's fuel, rent, lights, repairs and janitor's salary...
Adams	$600	12,129 62	$ 745 00
Alcorn	200	8,853 82	.....
Amite	175	8,975 95	.....
Attala	150	12,701 54	1100 00
Benton	105	6,077 08	.....
Bolivar	180	2,107 42	.....
Calhoun	105	8,250 71	.....
Carroll	225	10,917 56	.....
Chickasaw	180	12,250 00	.....
Choctaw	105	3,195 88	.....
Claiborne	295	9,458 17	19 50
Clarke	105	4,079 92	.....
Coahoma	180	7,756 90	202 75
Copiah	180	16,990 23	120 00
Covington	90	2,569 54	.....
Clay	165	8,151 00	5 00
DeSoto	180	15,567 93	.....
Franklin	90	2,996 24	2 50
Greene	45	778 82	.....
Grenada	150	6,289 80	225 00
Hancock	75	1,539 88	.....
Harrison	75	3,084 59	69 07
Hinds	400	34,880 00	200 00
Holmes	210	12,613 44	.....
Issaquena	170	2,474 21	130 00
Itawamba	105	6,893 91	.....
Jackson	75	1,925 00	.....
Jasper	100	5,204 97	.....
Jefferson	180	11,598 17	.....
Jones	60	2,600 00	.....
Kemper	120	6,646 35	.....
Lafayette	150	16,861 75	.....
Lauderdale	180	5,607 02	3 20
Lawrence	90	3,450 00	.....
Leake	100	8,226 89	25 00
Leflore	250	4,207 49	.....
Lee	120	16,255 66	.....

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COUNTIES.	Salary of Superintendents	Total amount paid Teachers for Salaries	Miscella'us expense, includ's fuel, rent, lights, repairs and janitor's salary
Lincoln	150	$6,262 53	.....
Lowndes	225	12,610 41	$ 580 00
Madison	210	12,200 00	.....
Marion	70	1,398 72	.....
Marshall	240	36,420 07	.....
Monroe	195	22,275 61	.....
Montgomery	150	9,098 00	.....
Neshoba	75	4,659 75	5 00
Newton	75	4,859 62	.....
Noxubee	250	18,227 33	100 00
Oktibbeha	140	2,806 30	25 50
Panola	225	21,469 82	478 00
Perry	45	1,330 88	.....
Pike	120	9,416 76	.....
Pontotoc	120	9,919 45	.....
Prentiss	105	10,174 00	7 50
Quitman	60	726 37	.....
Rankin	150	9,612 59	.....
Scott	125	4,237 39	.....
Sharkey	.....	.....	.....
Simpson	80	3,692 29	.....
Smith	75	2,522 82	.....
Sumner	100	4,450 00	.....
Sunflower	90	.....	.....
Tallahatchie	150	6,821 32	18 75
Tippah	115	10,082 89	.....
Tishomingo	105	8,133 19	.....
Tunica	120	7,027 41	.....
Tate	140	14,464 14	.....
Union	105	10,106 88	.....
Warren	270	20,184 60	1960 00
Washington	350	11,183 88	313 00
Wayne*	60	1,360 51	.....
Wilkinson	300	5,886 84	100 00
Winston	90	4,865 90	.....
Yalobusha	105	7,361 09	.....
Yazoo	240	19,781 00	.....

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Counties.	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of Educable Children	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of pupils enrolled in Public Schools	Expenditure in the year, per capita, of average attendance in Public Schools
Adams	$ 1 66	$ 5 68	$ 6 82
Alcorn	1 94	2 30	5 00
Amite		3 24	4 97
Attala	2 92	4 17	7 05
Benton	2 01	2 28	4 51
Bolivar	76	1 94	1 25
Calhoun	1 69	2 06	1 35
Carroll	1 94	3 33	3 61
Chickasaw	2 34	3 17	4 40
Choctaw	1 17	1 49	2 14
Claiborne	1 76	4 26	5 87
Clarke			
Coahoma	3 18	5 08	7 10
Copiah	4 05	5 90	8 27
Covington	1 42	2 10	3 52
Clay	1 65	1 78	3 59
DeSoto	2 10	3 15	5 12
Franklin	1 41	3 14	4 91
Greene			
Grenada	1 40	2 87	4 28
Hancock	82	1 51	1 97
Harrison	1 30	2 89	4 46
Hinds	3 10	3 75	5 00
Holmes	1 58	2 39	2 98
Issaquena			
Itawamba	2 26	2 32	3 57
Jackson	76	4 95	5 98
Jasper	1 49	4 68	5 79
Jefferson	3 07	4 46	5 83
Jones	2 00	2 25	
Kemper	1 24	2 30	3 65
Lafayette	3 21	3 61	4 13
Lauderdale	44	77	93

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Lawrence	$ 1 00	$ 1 50	$ 2 00
Leake	1 98	2 05	
Leflore	1 22	3 53	3 98
Lee	2 33	3 84	4 88
Lincoln	1 61	3 50	6 47
Lowndes	1 58	5 41	7 93
Madison	1 80	3 33	4 33
Marion	74	1 72	2 71
Marshall	2 64	3 80	6 91
Monroe	1 54	3 12	3 37
Montgomery	1 97	3 29	5 23
Neshoba	1 64		
Newton	1 39	2 49	4 08
Noxubee	1 63	2 64	4 61
Oktibbeha	51	2 42	4 38
Panola	2 56	2 75	5 56
Perry	1 15	2 14	2 96
Pike	1 65	3 78	5 14
Pontotoc	2 49	4 10	5 11
Prentiss	2 65	3 55	8 25
Quitman	2 44		
Rankin	2 23	2 73	4 73
Scott	1 19	3 27	4 51
Sharkey*			
Simpson	1 52	2 44	4 13
Smith	98	3 26	3 41
Sumner			
Sunflower			
Tallahatchie	2 14	2 89	4 13
Tippah	2 40	2 48	3 89
Tishomingo	3 24	4 95	5 67
Tunica			
Tate	2 49	3 54	

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Union	$ 2 28	$ 2 66	$ 3 66
Warren	1 62	6 21	9 02
Washington	1 36	3 00	3 66
Wayne*			
Wilkinson	1 09	3 65	4 48
Winston	1 09	2 93	4 50
Yalobusha	2 08	2 57	3 30
Yazoo	1 86	3 62	5 23
Average	$ 1 62	$ 2 85	$ 3 80

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COUNTIES.	Amount of Available School Fund...	Amount of Permanent fund (including portion not now available.....	Estimated real value of Sites, Buildings, and all other school property. .....
Adams	.....	.....	$ 81,200 00
Alcorn	.....	.....	.....
Amite	.....	.....	500 00
Attala	.....	.....	.....
Benton	.....	.....	2,500 00
Bolivar	$ 2,862 95	.....	.....
Calhoun	.....	.....	3,000 00
Carroll	10,812 79	.....	.....
Chickasaw	.....	.....	2,500 00
Choctaw	.....	.....	.....
Claiborne	3,538 64	$ 3,934 97	16,955 00
Clarke	.....	.....	.....
Coahoma	9,338 06	7,900 00	10,000 00
Copiah	16,700 00	.....	3,900 00
Covington	.....	.....	.....
Clay	.....	28,750 00	2,800 00
DeSoto	2,000 00	.....	.....
Franklin	.....	.....	1,000 00
Greene	.....	.....	.....
Grenada	.....	.....	.....
Hancock	.....	.....	.....
Harrison	119 17	.....	150 00
Hinds	500 00	10,300 00	32,500 00
Holmes	33,470 00	12,000 00	50,000 00
Issaquena	.....	.....	.....
Itawamba	8,538 87	.....	.....
Jackson	1,400 00	.....	.....
Jasper	5,204 97	5,204 97	.....
Jefferson	.....	14,000 00	15,0000 00
Jones	.....	.....	.....
Kemper	.....	1,294 71	.....
Lafayette	.....	.....	.....
Lauderdale	1,974 48	.....	.....
Lawrence	.....	.....	.....
Leake	7,500 00	2,400 00	.....
Leflore	.....	.....	12,970 94
Lee	.....	.....	500 00

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COUNTIES.	Amount of Available School Fund..	Amount of Permanent fund (including portion not now available)	Estimated real value of Sites, Buildings, and all other school property .....
Lincoln	.....	$ 1,316 00	.....
Lowndes	.....	.....	.....
Madison	.....	1,000 00	.....
Marion	$ 822 56	.....	.....
Marshall	48,300 00	.....	$ 10,000 00
Monroe	16,092 62	.....	20,000 00
Montgomery	.....	.....	4,000 00
Neshoba	1,114 38	855 30	5,700 00
Newton	.....	.....	.....
Noxubee	.....	.....	4,000 00
Oktibbeha	3,200 00	.....	.....
Panola	1,000 00	.....	.....
Perry	335 95	.....	.....
Pike	.....	.....	.....
Pontotoc	.....	.....	.....
Prentiss	6,842 80	.....	.....
Quitman	.....	.....	.....
Rankin	700 00	.....	.....
Scott	3,042 45	.....	.....
Sharkey	.....	.....	.....
Simpson	857 00	989 00	10,000 00
Smith	2,591 70	.....	800 00
Sumner	4,450 00	4,450 00	.....
Sunflower	.....	.....	.....
Tallahatchie	.....	.....	.....
Tippah	2,540 02	3,633 74	23,200 00
Tishomingo	.....	.....	575 00
Tunica	6,697 15	.....	.....
Tate	12,061 56	.....	.....
Union	.....	.....	.....
Warren	.....	.....	36,000 00
Washington	4,656 42	900 00	30,000 00
Wayne	500 00	.....	.....
Wilkinson	.....	.....	250 00
Winston	.....	.....	.....
Yalobusha	881 14	.....	.....
Yazoo	.....	.....	.....

REPORT

OF

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ROOMS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 31st, 1879.

To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Mississippi:

We have the honor to herewith submit to your honorable body the First Biennial Report of the State Board of Education. In doing so we shall simply present a copy of the Report submitted to your consideration at the last meeting of the Legislature, as no changes have occurred in the status of the Sixteenth Section Lands requiring special notice.

The difficulty mentioned in the last report, in getting a correct statement from the counties, in relation to the Sixteenth Lands, has not, as yet, been wholly overcome.

We can get specific data from but few counties in the State. The following is as near as we can obtain:

Number of acres of 16th Section Lands originally granted to the State by the General Government:

Number of acres.....661,000
Number of acres of Chickasaw land.....174,550

From the meagre reports in our possession we are unable to estimate definitely as to the disposition made of these 16th Section Lands; most of which, prior to the war, were leased for a period of ninety-nine years, the original purchasers paying the money for said lands to the local Boards, and this money loaned on such security as was at that time deemed to be solvent and good, but since the war have been found, in almost every case, to be unavailable, from the fact that the obligations of parties are barred by the statute of limitation, and in many instances the bankruptcy of debtors. The notes given, unfortunately, are deemed worthless.

In a few isolated cases the purchase money was not paid, and in these cases the lands, or their value in money, remain under the control of the local Township Boards. These funds heretofore have been desperately handled.

We would respectfully call attention to the Report of the

Special Committee appointed 1874, under House Concurrent Resolution, No. 8, for the purpose of examing and reporting the condition of the Chickasaw School Fund, which report can be found on file in the State Library, and contains a full and complete history of the subject. The law leasing these lands fixed their value at six dollars per acre, in gold or its equivalent, and is still in force.

We are of the opinion that at that time there were thousands of acres of this land really worth the valuation put upon it, but in view of the fact that all of the lands approximating to said valuation have been entered, leaving about 37,143 acres, for which the State cannot, and has not found a purchaser for years, for the manifest reason that the valuation is entirely too high.

By a proper reduction in the price of this land, it would very greatly benefit two classes of our citizens—those who wish to obtain land for homesteads, and those who would receive the proceeds in the way of the education of their children. We trust that the Legislature will give us a revision entirely of these school lands, throwing a proper safeguard around them, and permitting them to be put into market.

Such an Act would reduce taxation on the lands now paying the revenues of the State, and give us a handsome school fund for the purpose of aiding in the education of the youth of the State to a higher civilization.

For further information on the subjects on which we are required by law to report, we would respectfully refer your Honorable Body to the report of the State Superintendent of Education wherein all will be found that is attainable.

Respectfully submitted,

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H. C. MYERS,
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State Board of Education.